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Mayors / Members of Council:

Please find attached my submission for today's meeting.

John McGreal
Thank You For The Opportunity To Speak

The legacy for my 6 grandchildren in 50 years.
This is a reflection of their views on the legacy of the 2015 Pan Am Games
With Grandpa’s input.
I’ll start with the McGreal’s 75 year history in Hamilton.

My parents paid their taxes for a legacy for their 12 children. What do we have? Civic / Ivor Wynn Stadium, and Jimmy Thompson Pool.

My Wife and I paid our taxes for 50 years what do we have?
Civic / Ivor Wynn Stadium, and Jimmy Thompson Pool.

My 2 children have been paying their taxes for 20 years. What do they have?
Civic / Ivor Wynn Stadium, and Jimmy Thompson Pool.

In 2008 / 2009 Hamilton won a bid to participate in the 2015 Pan Am Games and excitement filled the city.
What was Hamilton getting?

15,000 seat stadium, hopefully expanded to 25,000 seats for the Tiger Cats.
To be used for Soccer / Rugby, Track & Field.

Warm Up site for Track & Field

World Class Velodrome ( in the works ).

50 Meter pool at McMaster ( in the works ).

Volleyball at Copps Colleseum

Soccer at Ron Joyce Stadium and Paralympic participation.

Jan 30 at a family dinner my Grandchildren asked “what legacy will we be getting for 100 million dollars of tax money? I could not answer.

Track & Field gone to Toronto.
Paralympic gone to Toronto
Velodrome in question.
50 Meter pool in question
25,000 seat Stadium in question.

We all pay taxes anyway at least have something to show for it in 20 years when our grandchildren hopefully stay in Hamilton and start paying taxes. Recreation ( fun stuff ) is also an important part of life to develop our future generations.

Let's take the L for loser off our foreheads.

Thank You For Listening.

John McGreal