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Dear Sir,

I am writing regarding the plan to revise the current HRM Act to allow a structure to be built on The North Commons. It is unnecessary spending for another costly physical municipal building that is only going to increase our debt and yearly tax expenses.

The Oval is a short term skating rink, nothing more. It can easily be serviced by movable structures that can be moved so as not to clutter this valuable recreational space, so scarce, and valuable to rapidly growing North End Halifax.

City Staff love to build: in this case their "horror vacui" is a big mistake. Just because they can't quantify the human need for open space, and have little regard for hard pressed we tax payers are, doesn't mean that industrial buildings are a need on The Commons. The issue is that we need a break from buildings. We have them coming out our ears. What most of us want is an interface with nature to balance the grind & ware of unban life.

People are attracted to The North End by the green space. Cities are graced by green, not buildings and graffiti .

An analysis of what the proposed uses of the building are, will reveal that there are many ways around this expensive, short sighted plan.

Some of the cheapest land in Metro can be found in the North Park to Gottingen area with buildings already standing on these lots.

Cities like Winnipeg and Ottawa use temporary buildings that are moved after the season is over.

This is rare land, a treasure we seem to be itching to meddle with. It takes a wise person to be sufficiently humble to acknowledge that what God put there quite probably fits best.

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