

## Burke, Teresita

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Rezoning Application for EFL ODP Amendments

Mayor and Council: ,

Important considerations regarding accessibility of the new Community Centre planned for River District.

1. Hurrah! Delighted to see that a stand-alone building of 30,000 SF is being planned and hope to see construction started soon.
2. Please ensure that view cones are not obstructed.
3. **This is the big one: Accessibility** for those who live more than a city block away from the entrance to the Community Centre and specifically those with mobility issues especially seniors.
4. Disabilities that affect one's ability to walk more than very short distances affect all age groups but seniors are particularly vulnerable due to accompanying frailty. Many hold Accessibility Parking Permits but these are often useless given the limited number of "Handicapped Parking Spots" allocated to this demographic at most locations.
5. Killarney Community Centre has a huge number of seniors but only four (4) designated for "Handicapped". The same situation is found at **all** other Community Centres. Please don't do this at the new Centre!

I urge and entreat you to consider the needs of these people. When public transit to and from River District is available, it will help **only** those who can without undue stress walk to a bus stop, transfer when necessary, and walk from bus stop to the Centre and return home the same way. For those suffering from asthma, heart conditions, cancer therapy public transit it is almost impossible even though they are able to drive.

**Help end loneliness and isolation!** - make accessibility a right by providing more "Handicapped parking stalls." I believe a fair number would be 12 or 15 stalls to serve the numbers who will want to take part in programs provided at the new Community Centre. Those handicapped taxpayers who must drive from adjoining neighbourhoods need a place to park.

Those handicapped taxpayers who live at River District would benefit from resting benches here and there on the routes to the Centre.

Thank you for carefully considering this matter.

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