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Subject: Commonwealth games

As a resident of Ward one I ask that you please use our municipal dollars for something more productive than the Commonwealth Games. This is a huge expenditure on a brief event which benefits very few in the city and certainly not those who are struggling with homelessness, poverty, and financial problems which have only worsened during the pandemic. As we still don't know the course of this pandemic, the impact and the costs over the next several years, I think it is important to keep our priorities straight in terms of addressing the immediate health and safety issues of all residents in our communities. We don't need to be hosting games until everyone in this city is housed, fed, and has access with proper medical care. We also have concerns of the marginalized groups on the table including Black, Indigenous, and racialized groups and the LGBTQ+ community that have not been properly addressed. Let's work toward equity for all, and look at ways to use our tax dollars toward these ends. Please do not squander money and resources on the Commonwealth Games.

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