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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 Collesium

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 .

Lets take the L for loser off our foreheads .

Thank You For Listening .

John McGreal