

**COLLINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL FAILS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ,
COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION FACILITIES**

An article issued on Saturday August 25th, 2012 on Simcoe.com has stated that Collingwood Town Council will be voting this Monday August 27th to spend \$14.7 million of tax dollars to bubble old recreational facilities in town. This vote has come about with no previous communication to the residents, no opportunities for public input, no competitive bidding process (sole sourcing is proposed which should only be used in dire emergencies such as for floods or tornadoes). The public and local businesses have been shut out of the process. The public cannot understand this lack of leadership and will be showing their displeasure.

A recent poll indicates that 2 out of 3 residents want Council to pursue the development of a recreation centre at Collingwood's Central Park. Council isn't listening.

Council's duty to the public is to lead an open and transparent local government; it is the feeling of the residents that they have failed in their duties in the development of recreation facilities.

We encourage the media to attend Monday's Council Meeting where Friends of Collingwood Central Park will be deputing along with many other organizations that will and have provided alternate options.

DATE: Monday August 27th, 2012

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 97 Hurontario Street, Town Hall Council Chambers, Collingwood Ontario

We encourage you to contact us for interviews either prior or following the Council Meeting.

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