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Dear Mayor and Council,

I had a visionary dream the other night in which the blue industrial fencing along Marine Drive between 22nd and 21st had been removed and I was free to walk past the Aquatic Centre, past the Senior's Centre and then to 21st, to attend the United Church. Alas, I woke to the reality of the continuing presence of the barricade.

I have watched the slow progress of the Community Centre over the past two years -- is it only two? It feels like ten! -- and I sometimes wonder whether, as its opening is delayed over and over, there is some pact between the municipal government and the builders to delay this longed-for event indefinitely. Do I just imagine that workers on the site are moving at a slower and slower pace? I was recently assured that it would open on November 7; then I read in the North Shore News that it would open some time in December. I will not be surprised to hear next that there will be a gala opening -- which I do not plan to attend -- in January 2009 -- or February? Or March?

I live ( ) deeply grateful for the proximity, but profoundly discouraged by the spectacle of the seemingly endless building of the Community Centre. The lethargic pace at which construction has proceeded will influence my vote on Saturday. It would take some persuading for me to be convinced that a mayor and council who have presided over this drawn out and expensive project deserve to be re-elected.

Yours, )

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