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Subject: Re: EVER HOPEFUL JOURNALISM COMES TO AURORA! ...Aurora declares Sports Dome tax free municipal facility... no contracts exist!
Date: October 27, 2017 at 7:57 AM
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Thanks a lot Evelyn, some truth at last.

Unless they are lying in our FOI request, and I will be appeal it to the Government Privacy people... there is no contract.

This latest declaration of it being a "Municipal Tax Free Capital Facility" is based on some unnamed lawyer's "opinion" as is everything in the legal world.

Even when asked about it, the Town is not clever enough to make up an agreement and back date it. To their credit they are being honest on THIS one.

Hamilton declares: http://www2.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/6A9A01FC-08BE-44CE-BC47-7E1D8106FF86/0/Sep08EDRMS_n201499_v1_5_7_FCS11067.pdf

If the land is not owned, but leased by the city, then they declare it tax free, perfect. Not the other way around of course.

The purpose of my many FOI requests is to get the number or facts and I am happy, but if I get avoidance or obfuscation I have ecstatic.

Let the FOI Appeals process start for \$25... I will get it back through the courts. Then the province has full knowledge of the scam and should alert their people.

Also, MPAC is not a term I know and it seems there is an application process. I will challenge any and all applications made by Aurora. Since we are mere days away I bet from them pulling the same stunt on the tennis dome.

And, yes, sticking the Town with removing a worn out dome will be costly.

There is simply too much importance placed on soccer in this town, it costs millions an dis such a simple game. People watch it on TV and figure Aurora has to be a big player in it. Disgusting. A pair of shorts and sneakers, period, no go play soccer!

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On Oct-25-2017, at 11:25 AM, EVELYN BUCK <evelyn.buck@rogers.com> wrote:

Message received. My position has always been the Aurora taxpayer got screwed. The debate erupted again in the 2006/10 term because he came to Council and asked for the building permit fee to be refunded as it was a tax. Councillor MacEachern took up his cause and \$7 thousand plus was given back to him. And yes I am certain I did see a contract. The problem arose out of the understanding private business, because it was operating on public property, was not eligible to pay taxes. That proved to be a misunderstanding after the fact. I believe the lease is twenty years and when it concludes the bubble belongs to the town. That probably means the town has the expense of removing and disposing of it if the material has e lit.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 25, 2017, at 8:59 AM, Bob Lepp <boblepp@gmail.com> wrote:

Teresa/Brock,

You both know me by name at least as a shit disturber so the following should come as no surprise. Going out to Aurora businesses today.

Evelyn Buck,

I quote you so I feel you should have advance knowledge of my findings.

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**Aurora Council declared
 another (not yours though)
 commercial business tax free!
 Surprise!**

There is no AVAILABLE municipal contract between the "parties"!

NOW A TAX FREE ZONE!



Methods of Payment

The Aurora Sports Dome Accepts Cash, Interac, Visa, and MasterCard.



OK, the cat and dog are just to attract your attention, but in reality they will always get nothing from the Town if they make everyone tax exempt.

Freedom of Information Request Reveals No Contracts Exist Between The Town and Sports Dome.

We registered a Freedom Of Information (FOI) request 30 days ago.
Yesterday we got the results of 30 days of searching by the Town Clerk.
THERE ARE NO CONTRACTS, NO AGREEMENTS,
ABSOLUTELY NO LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING.

What we got was a statement that they found EXACTLY 3 documents,
none of them a contract, and

ALL 3 WERE DECLARED TOO PRIVATE TO RELEASE!

All 3 were retained due to "lawyer/client privilege", in other words...

SEE BELOW

"Never to be seen by a taxpayer."

They were letters, a legal opinion...

BUT, no FINAL contracts defining WHY the Aurora Sports Dome company is

now

COMPLETELY BUSINESS-TAX-FREE

in Aurora.

Aurora now treats Aurora Sports Dome as a tax free municipal facility, the same
as :

- Libraries
- Firehalls
- Seniors' Centres
- Police stations
- Municipal Recreation Centres
- Town Parks
- Hospitals

Let the Town know how you feel about this preferential

TAX-FREE

treatment for the owners who

PROFIT

from Aurora Sports Dome income....

CASH/VISA/MASTERCARD/INTERAC Accepted!

If Sports Dome "donates" some use of its dome to the Town, and gets tax free status in return, the value of those hours is being used to BUY tax free status. It gains an advantage by giving hours free, so it is NOT a donation and cannot be claimed as an exemption, and likely has to be declared as revenue for income tax purposes even though it gave away the hours...but, I am no lawyer.

Whatever relationship is defined in those hidden documents seems to give the Town free use for a certain number of hours depending on the season.

[Councillor Evelyn Buck started the ball rolling in 2007, tax free of course, it's a SOCCER BALL! dammit! Soccer is big business in Aurora and should not have to pay taxes! CLICK HERE TO READ!](#)

[Read HERE the official announcement by the Town that the Sports Dome here-to-fore! \(golf ball, get it?\) pays no business taxes...](#)

[Read HERE Brock Weir, Auroran Publisher, on how this "deal" saves taxpayers money because the non-existent "contract" with the Town requires THAT THE TOWN PAY THE TAXES out of its lease payments.](#)

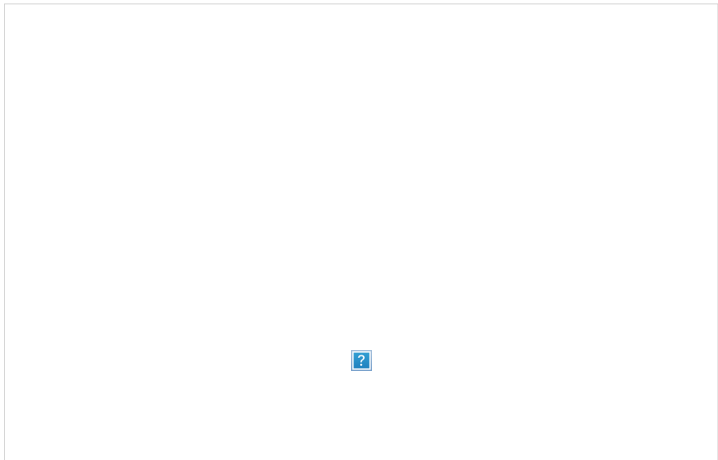
QUOTE "While the amount of property taxes the Town – and thus the taxpayer – has had to pay on the property has fluctuated according to MPAC assessments, the number currently stands at \$51,000 – \$10,000 of which flows back into Town coffers, but the balance divided between the Region of York and education taxes.

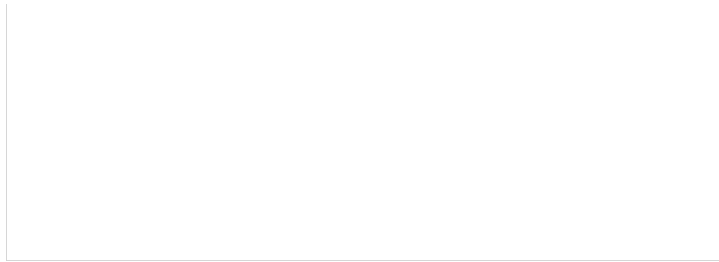
This says it all, Council was clueless about the non-existent contract, obviously since no contract exists to this day...

"To me, it was a bad agreement," said Councillor Wendy Gaertner, the lone incumbent survivor of the Council which originally executed the deal. "I don't know how it turned out" that the Town of Aurora ended up paying taxes for a private business, but we did."

What agreement did Wendy read? Was she ever shown one? Ask her.

CLICK HERE! EMAIL NOW! - Preset to All Councillors and Mayor Dawe - Demand an answer!!





FOI response from Town of Aurora stating 3 records were found.

Appendix "A"

**MFIPPA
Access Request No: 2017-29**

RECORD INDEX

RECORD NO. pages	Date	Type of Record	General Description	Exemptions Applied
1 1-8	July 21, 2005	Draft Agreement Marked up	Agreement	s.12 – Solicitor-Client Privilege
2 9-20	February 1, 2010	Letter	Confidential Legal Opinion	s.12 – Solicitor-Client Privilege
3 21-23	January 17, 2017	Email	Tax Exemption on Municipal Capital Facility	s.12 – Solicitor-Client Privilege

NO CONTRACT, JUST A MARKED UP DRAFT AGREEMENT, A LEGAL
OPINION, AND AN EMAIL



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