

Letters to the Editor
The Windsor Star
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Re: The Toldo/Rosati Development Project for the Raceway

Dear Editor:

Mayor Eddie Francis and his hold over the ratepayers in Windsor baffle me. I am hard-pressed to believe that the ratepayers would accept a \$55 million hit to the City to build a new arena, when the Toldo-Rosati group's proposal only requires \$15 million. The people of Windsor along with city council have yet to see the proposal from the Toldo-Rosati group, yet Mayor Francis commented recently in the Star, "You can't negotiate these matters in the media. There is a process". It seems to me that the Mayor is using the paper as his own personal vehicle to stop a project before it has been fully reviewed and understood by the ratepayers and council. There appears to be a bias on the part of the paper when reporting news of an arena. Look at all the commotion LaSalle's Culture and Recreation Complex has caused and that's with an investment from the town of \$15 million. Yet, the people of Windsor are being led blindly down a path to invest \$55 million when there is an alternative. How come nobody is talking about that? How come nobody is talking about the \$23 million investment from the Toldo/Rosati group? Are the people of Windsor and city councilors naïve enough to think these two very successful families don't know how to put a business plan together? To think that Mayor Francis can make a decision of this magnitude without following his own "process" dazzles me. Wake-up Windsor! Demand to review the proposal by the Toldo-Rosati group! Consider the economic spin-offs and the creation of more jobs their project would generate! Not to mention the new housing starts and the fact they are willing to absorb the operating costs! Take back control over your financial future! Don't be sucked in by a man with a smile who has his own hidden agenda!

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