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I appreciate being asked my input regarding the sauna proposal and here's an overview of my consideration of the proposal.

I agree that the sauna would generate additional revenue. We've received over 70 valid adult signatures from community members in support of the sauna. Most of these signatures were from community members who frequent the facility. I believe we would also see an increase in our user base that would include individuals who don't necessarily swim but would enjoy the use of a sauna.

I don't agree that installing a sauna would save on energy. The pool is currently kept at a consistent 82 degrees. The idea of lowering the temperature to 80 degrees would not be popular to patrons who currently use the facility. We hear complaints from patrons on a daily basis that the temperature is too cold. There are incidents where patrons have left after spending no more than five minutes in the pool because the temperature is too cold. 82 degrees is not an ideal temperature for preschoolers and seniors (the national guidelines recommend temperatures of 84 for these user groups). Some of the seniors have not expressed much interest in using the sauna but they support it. Preschoolers and young children would not be using the sauna, therefore, lowering the pool temperature to 80 would only serve to exclude these user groups even more.

I agree that installing the sauna at the swimming pool facility, while keeping the pool temperature at 82, if not higher, would be a good move for the borough, and from the feedback I am getting from the patrons, it's what the community wants.