

This past weekend, post-tropical cyclone, Fiona, hit Atlantic Canada, killing at least one and causing millions of dollars in damages and chaos for all in the region.

On Friday, Associated Press reported the climate catastrophe that flooded Pakistan this summer has taken more than 1600 lives. Disease is the culprit killing adults and children, alike.

On Friday, as well, dozens of students marched in the return of Fridays For Future actions here in Regina. Kids, eh? Caring about their future.

Gotta wonder why?

The World Health Organization (WHO) says that *climate change is the single biggest health threat facing humanity, and health professionals worldwide are already responding to the health harms caused by this unfolding crisis.*

In April, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its sixth report saying, *Without immediate and deep emissions reductions across all sectors, limiting global warming to 1.5°C is beyond reach.*

AFP environmental reporters summed up the report: *Humanity has less than three years to halt the rise of planet-warming carbon emissions and less than a decade to slash them by nearly half, if we want a liveable future.*

*More than five million extra deaths a year can be attributed to abnormal hot and cold temperatures, according to the world's largest peer-reviewed, international study on global climate-related mortality, as led by Monash University.*

The Supreme Court of Canada recently said, *“It is an uncontested fact that we face an anthropogenic (human caused) existential threat to the future of all life on this planet caused by GHG emissions.”*

Those activist judges, eh?

But the RPL Board doesn't seem to care. Tearing down and building new is the worst possible option for people and the planet. The embodied energy already in the building will be lost. And the upfront carbon costs will be huge. They need not be.

People want an expanded Central Library. Long overdue. But nowhere in the documents I've read did you provide that as an option when you surveyed the public. What's with that?

Has the RPL Board determined the environmental impacts on climate change, human health, ecosystem quality, and resource depletion embedded in a tear-down and rebuild? If so, what are these? If not, when can we access this data?

How will the RPL mitigate the negative impacts on climate created during the deconstruction and the upfront carbon costs of the construction process?

Will the Board undertake an environmental audit of the options for expansion?