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I live in the Lakeridge area of Skyway & attended the community meeting hosted by DOE about the Boathouse site. Already, this project has started on the back foot-community was not centered at the meeting & has not been centered in the process. The developer should have been picked in collaboration with the community, but DOE has already made up it's mind to pick a developer with a sorted history evidently believing the community is ok being disrespected by the developer as long as it is a BIPOC developer. The most important qualities are experience with contaminated sites, capacity to do a good job, & working in a way that community & the people most impacted by the site are valued. DOE sat silently by as the contractor was rude & disrespectful. DOE left many questions from the community unanswered. The community should know how the site will be cleaned, what the developers experience is, where the contaminated soil will be taken, if the toxic chemicals in the groundwater will be stirred up & more toxic when the soil is dug up, if business owners & residents have been impacted by the contaminated soil & groundwater, if cancer rates near the site are higher, etc.

The community should define affordability.

This project is very concerning particularly because of questions & lack of confidence in its leadership.