



When the plumbers were at the Coldwater Branch on March 9 fixing the leak above the 2nd floor ceiling, I also asked them to take a look at the toilets here. In recent years, they have been very problematic with regards to flushing down solids. For years now, Jeanne and I have had to use the plunger on the public toilets several times each week.

The plumbers had a look and said the tanks and drains were all fine, nothing they could do. Michigan building code has changed to a maximum of 1.6 gallons per flush if you just push down on the handle and let go. If there are solids that need to go down, you have to hold the handle down to empty the tank.

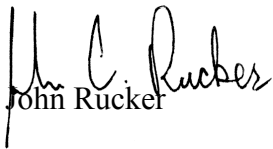
So, our options are: continue to plunge after our patrons; put a sign up that says hold the handle all the way down if there are solids to flush; or we can install pressurized toilets, which will be able to force most anything down the drain. The plumbers said many public buildings/businesses in town have been switching to those for the same reasons I have.

I asked for a written quote from M&K Plumbing and got back a quote for \$3,265, including labor and installation for 2 handicap height and 3 regular Kohler pressurized toilets to replace our 5 public toilets at the Coldwater Branch. This would also include leveling the handicap toilet in the ground-floor women's restroom, which is currently sitting at a tilt.

One of our extra funds, the Fisher, is expressly for building maintenance and has \$28,225.56 as of 1/31/2015. Since we are responsible for building maintenance only at the Coldwater Branch, it seems a perfect fit to request this purchase from this funding source.

May we pursue this upgrade?

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