

Mayor and Council,

City of Saskatoon

September 4, 2019

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the demolition of Saskatoon's beloved Capitol Theatre. Many of you will have been reminded of the event by the remarkable web documentary recently produced for the CBC. Memories of this grand theatre abound.

Numerous theatre artifacts were saved from the wrecker's ball by the Saskatoon Heritage Society and members of local theatre groups. Some form part of the décor of several businesses around the city, while many more are currently in storage in less than ideal conditions. These artifacts are large and impressive and, once restored, could be brought together to replicate the entrance and part of the interior of the theatre.

It's time we found a home for these artifacts - somewhere the public can view them and catch a glimpse of the former grandeur of the theatre. They could form a focal point in a new Downtown Experience Centre, or civic museum, aimed at renewing interest and vibrancy in our Downtown core. We are asking the City to explore possibilities.

The value of our downtown Capitol Theatre has been promoted nationally by architecture critic Alex Bozickovic. Let's show the country that Saskatoon values the theatre too by making this a year to remember and bringing a small portion of the theatre back to life.

We would like to address the appropriate Committee and Council on this issue.

Sincerely,

Peggy Sarjeant

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