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April 14, 2020

City Clerk

Dear City Clerk:

Re: **MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION – SUSPENSION OF MEETING** PROCEDURES [File No. CK 175-16]

The function of the Municipal Planning Commission is to advise and assist City Council with respect to all matters pertaining to community planning and development within the municipality.

The Commission has been unable to meet in light of the City of Saskatoon closing all of its facilities to the public including City Hall following the provincial government declaration of a public emergency for COVID-19 (coronavirus). It should also be noted that the meeting rooms at City Hall would not allow for appropriate social distancing.

The Municipal Planning Commission respectfully requests that City Council suspend the relevant provisions of Bylaw No. 9170 to provide for member attendance at meetings of the Municipal Planning Commission via teleconference, for the immediate future during the current COVID-19 Pandemic. Additionally, that the measures remain in place until recognized public international, federal, or provincial health authorities advise that the pandemic is no longer a threat to public safety and the social distancing protocols have been lifted by them.

Yours truly,

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for Diane Bentley, Chair **Municipal Planning Commission**

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General Manager, Community Services Department CC: