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Subject Regarding the motion by councillor Gough requesting a 'nuisance study' of the West Industrial Area Meeting (if known)

Comments

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

My name is Adam Pollock, and I will be presenting on Monday in regards to the profound damages that are being experienced by residents of King George and Pleasant Hill and Councillor Goughs request to do a 'nuisance study' on the West Industrial Area. I am presenting on behalf of the residents of these neighbourhoods and with the full support of both the King George and Pleasant Hill community associations.

I wish to start by telling you that this is an URGENT matter, and Hilary is recommending this study because it is the ONLY thing the city administration is prepared to do. The city administration is refusing to accept ANY of the data the residents have been collecting for the past 42 years, and although this study will only produce the same 'recommendations' that we have been providing for the last 9 years, it is the only way to get these efforts recognized.

4 years ago the city administration cancelled a noise study that was scheduled to begin on July 20th, 2016, so the residents were forced to do a nuisance study that included data collection, problem area identification and

recommendations regarding the noise, light and air pollution. The city administration will not respond to our request to accept our forced nuisance study. They are stalling, and are trying to set 42 years of efforts back by another 5 years.

And so Hilary is proposing this study because this is the only thing the administration wants you to think they can do.

This is a delay tactic because the city administration is not admitting to the ONE thing they can do to begin addressing this issue immediately. They must stop ENABLING them to produce damages at closer proximity to our homes.

The city of Saskatoon is admittedly working at a rate of 1% a year in dealing with this situation, which means that, unless you direct the administration to End the Lease of 2.43 acres of land directly next to residential properties with Cindercrete Products, it will be the year 2104 before this issue is addressed.

The city administration is repeatedly going on record as saying that there is nothing they can do about this 'non-compatible' land use issue until the businesses leave of their own accord.

The city has failed to acknowledge however, that they are responsible for ENABLING these businesses to stay and operate at elevated levels by leasing them additional land directly next to residential properties.

They do not want to tell you about this lease, because it was signed in 2005, the year AFTER the city was instructed to create buffer zones.

This lease REDUCED THE BUFFER ZONE, and is DIRECTLY responsible for the ELEVATED DAMAGES being incurred by residents of marginalized neighbourhoods, and all at a CLOSER PROXIMITY to non-conforming land uses (our homes and lives).

Not only does this Lease violate the directives of the Local Area Plan of 2004, it also violates its own terms, since the lease has a nuisance clause that prohibits its land use from causing damages on neighbouring lands.

Above all else, this lease was always supposed to be a temporary one, and it was SUPPOSED TO END IN 2018.

Cindercrete products should have been prepared for the lease to end 2 years ago. If they are not prepared now, it is not the responsibility of the residents who pay taxes to continue to be damaged at elevated levels until they are.

Councillor Gough is requesting you do a 'nuisance study' because this is the only thing the city is co-operating on. They are refusing to end the lease... despite all the reasons above that we have given. We have been asking for the lease to be ended for 5 years.

The lease has enable Cindercrete to increase their operations, produce damaging nuisances, at closer proximity to our homes, and for 20 hours a day.

Prior to this lease being signed, the nuisances were much less, the distance between residents and the heavy industrial businesses was greater, and the business did not operate for 20 hours a day.

Zoning, and the rights of heavy industrial business to produce limitless damages on residential land uses aside... the city has the power and responsibility to end this lease.

If you make a motion today and unanimously vote in favor of ENDING the lease with Cindercrete Products, you will be the first council to direct the administration to fix the problem that they are responsible for allowing to continue at elevated levels. You will be taking the first step in making meaningful change towards addressing this 42 year conflict.

If you chose to not vote today, or do not vote in favour of ending the Cindercrete Lease in August when I present, then you will be DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE for sentencing residents of Pleasant Hill and King George to PROLONGED INCREASED DAMAGES.

We do not want to see 'mitigation' on this land... WE WANT OUR BUFFER ZONE RESTORED. So at the very least make a motion that the 'nuisance study' begin only after the Cindercrete lease is ended and the buffer zone restored. Why spend a penny studying the problem until the city stops enabling the problem to be worse than it needs to be?

The city is saying they cant do anything...THIS IS NOT TRUE... you need to tell them to end this lease. WE BEG YOU.

This lease termination is 2 years behind schedule and OUR HEALTH IS ON THE LINE.

Sincerely, Adam Pollock

In addition to this letter I request to speak to council on Monday so as to provide the opportunity for the Mayor and City Councillors to ask questions regarding the nuisance study we have already done and the importance of ending the lease.