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Comments

I am not requesting to speak at the December 8th meeting. I believe my current letter and my November 15th, 2020 letter on file highlight my main concerns and those of many residents of the area.

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To the members of the **Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services**, please accept my letter that speaks to the following item on your meeting's agenda:
7.2.2 Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee – Knox United Church Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 8232 Amendment [File No. CK. 710-49]

Given your packed agenda for the December 8th, 2020 meeting I will attempt to be succinct and to the point. My letter is focused on things to consider when voting on the following proposed amendment:

“That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare an amendment to Bylaw No. 8232, The Knox United Church Heritage Designation Bylaw, 2003, with such amendment limited to amending the legal land description to reflect the approved subdivision”

Previously, I submitted my November 15, 2020 letter to the members of the Heritage Advisory Committee [please refer to the attachment #5. *Letters from MHAC meeting Nov. 17, 2020 – pages 19 & 20 for my letter*].

For your convenience, I would like to highlight some of the key points from my previous letter while also adding additional germane information from the City of Saskatoon's **Civic Heritage Policy** (Number C10-020):

2.3 Character-Defining Elements—means the materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses, and cultural associations or meanings that contribute to the Heritage Value of a historic place, which must be retained to preserve its Heritage Value.

The amendment under consideration seeks to grant an exemption to the heritage status of the land (currently a parking lot) separating the Knox United and St. John's Anglican churches. By definition, **the “location” of that parking lot is part of the “Character-Defining Elements” of Spadina Crescent East.**

2.7 Heritage Value—means the aesthetic, historic, scientific, cultural, social or spiritual importance or significance for past, present or future generations. The Heritage Value of a Heritage Resource is embodied in its Character-Defining Elements.

I suggest that Meridian Development's proposed development will significantly reduce the **“Heritage Value”** of both churches currently designated as heritage sites. In my opinion, the **location and design** of the 19-floor high rise does not respect the **“Character-Defining Elements”** of the **Spadina Crescent East area.**

4.4 Neighbourhood Character and Heritage Conservation Districts a) Planning for the sustainable development of established neighbourhoods will be based on their historic identity to ensure that development in residential areas is compatible with existing form and character. b) Where possible, the City may establish Heritage Conservation Districts or areas of heritage interest to recognize, protect and enhance the character of distinct heritage areas in the City.

It is my belief that the area in question (parcel of land that separates 2 existing City of Saskatoon Heritage properties) could be part of a **“Heritage Conservation District”**. I do not believe that the Meridian Development's proposed 112-unit high rise with a restaurant and offices respects the existing **Heritage Value** of the area but rather would detract from it significantly.

Respectfully
Tim Claypool