

February 2021

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council,

Re:- Notice of Objection to Proposed amendment of bylaw 8232 allowing subdivision of the Knox United Church land.

A significant number of Saskatoon residents have expressed concern about the proposed Meridian development at 838 Spadina Crescent East. There are a range of reasons including fears of destroying the heritage ambiance of the area from the Bessborough to the 25<sup>th</sup> Street bridge; increase in traffic and a decrease in air quality.

As residents of Riverfront Condominiums our lives are going to be severely impacted if this building goes ahead. So, as you can imagine, we feel very concerned about this plan.

During this pandemic we have been advised to remain in our homes. Isolation is extremely difficult and our chosen homes which have a wonderful view of the river, the bridges, St John's Cathedral clock tower and last but not least, copious amounts of sunshine have helped us to cope this last year. Sunshine is considered a vital contribution to a person's Quality of Life including their physical and emotional wellbeing. Much of the sunshine will be lost in the winter if this building goes ahead.

Spadina Crescent is a Heritage Boulevard and should be respected as such. I think Winston Churchill said it best when he said " a nation that forgets its past has no future"

That this development could even be considered is beyond comprehension. It appears that the only way of effectively objecting to the development of a building is to oppose the bylaw change now before council.

We urge City Council to start developing architectural controls such as the Broadway 360<sup>o</sup> Development plan. This may enable the City to maintain the integrity of all our precious heritage sites.

Thank you.

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