

February 19th, 2021

Dear City Councillors,

I am writing this letter concerning the proposed building by Knox United Church.

I have been told that Knox and Meridian wish to change the legal land description to reflect a subdivision of the property, Bylaw 2003, so that this Bylaw refer only to the land on which Knox United Church stands.

I oppose the changing of this bylaw, as I feel that changing this would affect way more people than just Knox United Church. The intention is that ultimately a very large tower will be built on the lot between Knox United Church and St. John's. This will change the way that all citizens of Saskatoon view that part of the city riverfront. Every day hundreds of people walk along this part of the city, and on warm days of the spring, summer and fall there are probably thousands who walk past per day. It is the most beautiful part of our city, so often photographed. A tall building here would change that forever. I personally would be heartsick if such a thing went ahead. I used to be a member of Knox back in the 1980s, and I really do hope that they can find a workable solution to their financial issues. But changing the face of our city waterfront should never have been the only hope for them. I also feel that this unfairly affects St. John's Cathedral, and that that community deserves to be considered as well.

Such drastic changes should not be made when there has been little public attention to the matter, and right now during a global pandemic, everyone I know has been very much preoccupied in global events that have profoundly affected their daily life.

Sincerely,

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