

Subject: Email - Communication - Brad Bourhis - Walkway Closure Policy - File CK 6295-0

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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject Walkway Closure

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I would like to add some additional reoccurring comments to the meeting. We are now in year 5 of our dialogue. There continues to be safety concerns, vandalism, property theft, nuisances and a general daily presence of feeling violated and unsafe in our homes. The cities current process is one of frustration and road blocks to allow home owners to eliminate the above. Certainty in some cases perhaps better illumination might help but most suggested alternatives are generally being pitched with a complete disconnect. In our particular case the short corridor does NOT present a quicker alternative to Redberry RD. It does not lead to a Church/ Park/School or place of public usage. It is impassable for most of the winter with snow and ice build up and only now starts to get some misc traffic mostly occurring between the hours of 9 PM - 5 AM. As home owners we have done our best to secure our properties with additional lighting as well as security camera's. All to no avail as the walkways turn from some minor community usage to great exit paths to avoid detection. Once again we would move to purchase the land providing the monetary income to the city. Maintain the property deflecting any city maintenance and avoid continually taking up Police and City resources as 100% of the above issues become null and void. As long time City of Saskatoon Residents and community stakeholders we plead that our concerns are finally acknowledged and addressed. The idea of community connectivity in our opinion is not based on walking routes but more so allowing residents to be safe in their respective neighborhoods. Friendly conversations and interactions with neighbors and not common discussions on crime. The voice of residents most directly affected should not be overshadowed by others with limited stake in the outcome. As our great city changes in positive ways we look to council to be forward thinking on Policies that might have been reflective in years past but not the best path today.

Lastly - "the greatness of community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members". We ask for your compassion. Kind Regards, Brad, Kerri, Ella & Evan Bourhis.

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