

June 4, 2021

Secretary, Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services

Dear Secretary:

Re: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee — Request for Ability to Review and Provide Feedback on the Saskatchewan Heritage Properties Act [File No. CK. 225-18]

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on June 2, 2021, heard from the Advisory Committee's Policy and Planning Subcommittee and resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services requesting that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be able to conduct research into the Heritage Property Act, communicate with Heritage Saskatchewan and provide suggested revisions.

Our rationale stems from the work we are undertaking in updating our municipal heritage policy and plan and respective tools. A further catalyst is the discussion that resulted from our April MHAC meeting when Marvin Thomson, Heritage Planning and Policy Advisor with the Heritage Conservation Branch of the Provincial Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport presented to our committee on the Provincial Heritage Property Act. Marvin informed our committee of efforts by Heritage Saskatchewan and other key stakeholders, throughout the province are reviewing parts of the Heritage Property Act. The intent of this review is to bring forth recommendations for the provincial government regarding revisiting the Heritage Property Act, which is currently many decades old. This is to better reflect the definitions and standards being adopted across Canada. As our Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee is reflected in the legislation itself, it was suggested that linking our efforts to this effort would be of mutual benefit.

With this rationale, the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the recommendation be considered.

Sincerely,

**Lenore Swystun, Chair**
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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