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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Saskatoon Heritage Society

Subject Spadina Crescent Development downtown

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I have attached a letter from the Saskatoon Heritage Society concerning zoning issues along Spadina Crescent downtown. I would like to speak to this issue.

Attachments

[spadina crescent development letter july 2021.docx](#)

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No



Mayor and Councillors

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Citizens of Saskatoon have long regarded the city's riverbank as a precious heritage resource. The City continues to recognize the value of its riverbank parks and, with Meewasin's help, beautiful promenades have been built along Spadina Crescent. The promenade between Broadway Bridge and University Bridge is a well-loved stretch. It is known for the number of heritage buildings which line the street, notably Saskatoon's iconic churches, the Bessborough Hotel and the sensitively restored courthouse. Visitors and residents alike are drawn to the area.

This section of Spadina Crescent, however, is becoming subject to increased development pressure. The land has a blanket zoning of M4 which does not allow for a nuanced approach to development. It is a very blunt planning instrument. It takes no account of the relationship of new buildings to adjacent heritage structures, nor does it take into account important views such as those of Saskatoon's landmark Bessborough Hotel. There is no opportunity to consider the streetscape in its entirety.

The Spadina Crescent streetscape will no doubt change significantly over the next few years. Under the current zoning, however, there is no way the City can enforce, or even encourage, a sensitive approach in any new development. The ambience of this riverside boulevard could change in a way neither the City nor the public may want.

In 1978, following residents' protests over blanket zoning, the City implemented a development freeze across all core neighbourhoods, while they conducted what was known as the "Core Neighbourhood Study". The Saskatoon Heritage Society calls on City Council to do something similar along Spadina Crescent - pause development while a special study is undertaken of the area. This seems an opportune time, as the City is in the process of reviewing its current Zoning Bylaw. We believe that time is of the essence.

The downtown section of Spadina Crescent is a special place which plays an important role in telling the Saskatoon story. It deserves to be treated carefully and with sensitivity. Let's step back and take time to look at the street in detail and develop appropriate zoning and other regulations which will allow the new and the old to sit side by side in mutual respect.

Sincerely,

Peggy Sarjeant, President, Saskatoon Heritage Society