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Good Morning,
Please add the current letter and remove the previous letter that was submitted to EUCS for consideration at their next meeting. I would also like to request to speak at the committee meeting as well to further explain or answer any questions.
Thank you.
Brad

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Good Morning,
Please add the attached letter to the EUCS committee meeting this morning.
Thank you
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September 29, 2021

Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services
City of Saskatoon

Re: Bylaw NO. 9762 - The Home Energy Loan Program (HELP)

Dream Development is excited to see the creation of the Home Energy Loan Program in Saskatoon and fully supports the merits behind the program. We believe it is an important step towards creating more sustainable homes now and into the future. It is our view that with the correct circumstances, a program such as this could act as a catalyst to transform many new homes and neighbourhoods. We also believe that the ability to provide the most cost effective and streamlined process for obtaining green infrastructure is key to allowing it to be most readily adopted.

With that in mind we would like to request some modifications to the bylaw or the creation of a new program to allow all homeowners greater access. Currently, the program permits individuals whom are homeowners to enter the program however, home owners whom purchase a new home from a builder are currently precluded from the program. This is due to the fact that the initial application and set up in this instance would be done by the builder prior and not an individual. Under the current program, the only instance in which a homeowner could implement green building strategies and utilize the HELP financing tool is to purchase a lot from Saskatoon Land as an individual and build it themselves. This current bylaw structure creates a prejudicial system in which new home buyers who choose to live in other neighbourhoods than those developed by the City of Saskatoon are barred from accessing the program. Modifications to the program need to be made to ensure access is equitable to all people who wish to participate in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

New construction practices, and economies of scale provided by new home building can allow people the most cost effective and streamlined method to achieve energy efficiency and renewable energy which will help the City of Saskatoon reach their strategic goals of Environmental Leadership.

With the above in mind we would like to propose a two step request that includes modifications to the program to create the equitable opportunity for all people, and to allow for the most cost effective delivery method of energy efficient upgrades and renewable energy

Short Term

Approve a pilot program in the Brighton neighbourhood that can be implemented to act as a proof of concept and provide information for a business case for a Residential Energy Efficiency and Energy Generation program to build on the current HELP program. The proposed pilot would consist of up to 8 homes built within a specific area that would include both energy efficiency and solar generation. The request would include a financing mechanism mirroring that of the existing HELP program.

Medium Term

Create a new program that can be operated in parallel or modify the existing HELP program with the following changes.

1. Eligibility Criteria in 8. (1), b, ii indicates that the applicant must be an **Individual**.

The proposed modification would make the provision for companies or corporations to become the lead applicant for the program provided that the ownership is transferred to a qualifying individual within 24 months of completion.

Further to the above Dream and the Saskatoon Region Home Builders Association will be highly engaged in future discussions with stakeholders that can play a role in moving energy efficiency and energy generation forward in both existing and new construction homes such as Saskpower, the Province of Saskatchewan, and mortgage insurance and financial institutions.

In closing we thank the City for the opportunity to provide input and urge the City to make the necessary changes to the program to allow an equitable inclusion of all homeowners and to provide for the most efficient method in providing energy efficiency and renewable energy pushing the City forward in our goal of Environmental Leadership.

Regards,

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