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Members of the Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee

Dear Members:

Re: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee - Governance Review - Advisory Committees - Terms of Reference [File No. CK. 225-18]

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on June 14, 2021, reviewed the terms of reference for the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee as provided by the Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee and resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to the Governance and Priorities Committee through the Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee providing feedback based on the Committee's discussion on the matter.

The function and mandate of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee ("MHAC") is to provide advice to City Council relating to any matter arising out of The Heritage Property Act and the Civic Heritage Policy including evaluating properties of architectural or historical interest with respect to heritage designation and policies related to conserving heritage buildings, sites or structures and areas. MHAC also advises the city on ways to increase public awareness of Saskatoon's heritage.

During the discussion on June 14, 2021, a number of ways in which MHAC can better serve the City of Saskatoon in its function as an advisory committee were suggested, as follows:

- Improvement of paths of communication between MHAC and the PCDS and Council.
- MHAC needs to be able to reach out to other organizations and experts to pursue independent research that will allow us to better inform the City on any heritage questions arising. Our committee is keen to be flexible enough to best serve the needs of Council.
- MHAC must become involved in a heritage question early on in the process in order to have time to do quality research that will support decision makers in the city.
- In order to allow for early involvement of MHAC in heritage questions, we would like to make it clear that we are willing to call special meetings outside of our regular schedule to address particular heritage issues.
- The possible reformatting of membership so we can have solid experts providing sound information. People with a heritage interest or a planning and development interest are invaluable to our work, as are individuals interested in the intangible and documentary elements of heritage.
- We wonder if it would be possible to draw in more youth members to the MHAC by expanding the youth age range.

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- MHAC would like to meet with other advisory committees to see what areas of common interest there may be.
- Emphasize a new focus on the intangible and archival heritage alongside the tangible heritage of built structures, and write this new focus into our governing documents. Valuing culture as relating to the health of the community, underlining the importance of intangible heritage.
- Strengthening MHAC's relationship with administration. Currently, it can become quite isolating and polarizing.
- Consistency with TRC Calls to Action.
- Need to, as per our mandate, look at ways to update our heritage civic policy, heritage plan, and property act I.

It is the belief of MHAC that, should we implement these changes, we will ensure that we are best able to serve the city so that the city feels they can rely on us, and we can know we are making a real difference.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the recommendation be considered.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lenore Swystun".

Lenore Swystun, Chair
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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