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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, February 06, 2023

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

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Planning and Development?

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: City Greenhouse

Comments:

Please see attached letter

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

February 6 2023

We were very surprised and disheartened by the report on the decommissioning of the City Greenhouses. Following a conversation with City staff in early December, we understood that, although the greenhouse structure is old and requires maintenance work it was not closed. This statement followed the latest engineering assessment of September 2022. The assessment did not call for the buildings to be condemned but did say that the risks were increasing.

This report states that the greenhouse structure is too old for renewal and therefore the Civic Buildings Maintenance funding option is not available. Has the greenhouse ever been part of the Civic Buildings Maintenance Funding programme? In the past, it was discovered that the Marr Residence and the Superintendent's Residence were not part of the program.

How was it determined that the greenhouse was too old to be maintained and renovated? Please take another look at possibilities for its renewal. This is a building that is included in the Heritage Registry. Surely that counts for something and needs to be treated carefully.

This report states clearly that the proposed closure of the greenhouse is for the short term. Any closure for the long term will probably have an adverse impact on the flowers provided for the City's public spaces. We are particularly concerned about the short and long-term impact on the current plant material from the Conservatory, which is being looked after by the City. For the short term, we would ask the City to explore the possibility of asking for help from the University's horticultural department

We worry about the future direction of the City with regard to the re-opening of the Conservatory. This report includes the phrase "If the Conservatory is to re-open ... ". This does not sound very encouraging. The City of Saskatoon subscribes to the idea of a winter city. The Conservatory used to provide a welcome respite from the depths of winter.

We would welcome an assurance that the City is diligently pursuing options to provide funding for what was once one of Saskatoon's little gems

Sincerely

Peggy Sarjeant,

President Saskatoon Heritage Society