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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Peggy Sarjeant - Downtown Event and Entertainment District: Vision and Guidelines - CK 4130-14  
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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>  
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Submitted values are:

**I have read and understand the above statements.:** Yes

**Date:** Monday, March 20, 2023

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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**Province:** Saskatchewan

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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)::** City Council and PDCS

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Downtown Event and Entertainment District: Vision and Guidelines

**Comments:**

Please see attached letter

**Attachments:**

- [Downtown Event and Entertainment District Vision and Guiding Principles letter to CoS March 2023.docx](#)35.92 KB

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



March 20, 2023

### Downtown Event and Entertainment District: Vision and Guiding Principles

Mayor and Councillors,

The Saskatoon Heritage Society has followed with interest the discussions surrounding the proposed Downtown Event and Entertainment District. Any development downtown will inevitably have an impact, either positively or negatively, on the core of heritage buildings which provides our city centre with a distinct identity.

We understand that a draft Vision Statement and a set of Guiding Principles for the District is in the process of being developed. We also understand that the area under consideration will include streets and blocks surrounding the proposed site for the new arena. This will include the majority of our downtown heritage buildings.

Unfortunately, we have had difficulty accessing the Draft Vision and Guiding Principles but we have learned that one of the Guiding Principles is to promote a distinct identity for the District. This is to be applauded. We assume that identity will focus on the recognition and preservation of our built heritage along with their associated history and stories.

Prior to embarking on considering the area to be covered by the District, we hope that the City will undertake a baseline inventory of all the heritage buildings in the area. This would include all buildings listed in the Heritage Register, whether designated as Heritage Property or not. We would stress, however, that the inventory should not be limited to those buildings on the Register. Although most buildings of interest will have been captured, we feel that there are buildings, especially within the Warehouse District, which may have escaped attention, yet have interesting stories to tell and contribute to Saskatoon's identity. We are thinking in particular of the Western Supplies building adjacent to the former bus station and Rose Marking Devices at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Wall Street, which was a well-known Chinese café. There may well be others. And, of course, we should recognize the former STC bus station, itself – the work (although now substantially altered) of notable Saskatoon architect, John Holliday-Scott.

The Saskatoon Heritage Society would be pleased to offer input into any discussions surrounding the District's historical identity and built heritage.

Sincerely,

Peggy Sarjeant, President, Saskatoon Heritage Society