July 19, 2023

Secretary, SPC on Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services

Dear Secretary:

Re: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) – Municipal Heritage Awards Program [MHAC2023-0601]

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on June 20, 2023 considered a verbal report of Events Subcommittee regarding the 2024 Heritage Awards.

During discussion, members were informed that a request for proposal for the Heritage Awards Coordinator is typically posted in June. The Heritage Awards are held every second year and were cancelled in 2022 as no nominations were received by the Heritage Awards Coordinator, Brick Loft Co.

As there were no nominations in 2022, Committee members considered not holding the 2024 Heritage Awards event. Members agreed it was important to still adjudicate an award, which could be awarded at a partner event for 2024. Suggestions of possible partnership events could be the Design Council of Saskatchewan, Design Awards and the Saskatoon Heritage Society luncheon. As the Doors Open Event needs more awareness, members suggested that some of the budget not utilized for the Heritage Awards, be used for additional marketing for the Doors Open Event.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to the SPC on PDCS requesting:

1. That the 2024 Heritage Awards event not be held, with the intent to possibly allocate an award alternatively through partnership or sponsorship;

2. That the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be approved to seek out partnerships to present heritage award(s) for 2024 in the interim; and

3. That the Heritage Awards format be reevaluated prior to the 2026 awards.

Yours truly,

Stevie Horn, Chair
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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cc: General Manager, Community Services Division
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