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Dear City Council;

I am writing as an owner/resident at [REDACTED] Spadina Crescent East. I am "FULLY" in favor of the proposed amendment to the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 8770, 2009.

I have long been advocating for more vibrancy in downtown Saskatoon, wherever or whenever I can have my voice heard. I feel the only way the city can become more vibrant is to start developing more pedestrian/bike priority streets, OR even Pedestrian only streets. (I really believe 21st St E. could be pedestrian ONLY between Midtown Plaza and the Bessborough Hotel; traffic could still run North South through 21st). More foot traffic is essential to any vibrant downtown. By adding opportunity for more restaurants and patios through this zoning amendment, a more comfortable and inviting atmosphere can be created to help achieve this goal. I would also recommend that patios do not have to have a wall or barrier around them. It is much more appealing to have patios where views are not obstructed and it also is more visually appealing and inviting.

With the beauty of the riverfront, this zoning area is essential to showcase downtown and what it has to offer.

Lastly.... I strongly believe that creating areas of downtown where patios can be present side by side by side is also essential. By having several patios in succession, this creates a sought after area where vibrancy and energy can be created. Another perfect area to be potentially zoned for "Pedestrian/bike only" & "Patios and restaurants in succession" would be 2nd Ave South between 19th Str E & 20th Str E. This stretch of 2nd Ave would connect the River Landing to Downtown Shopping with vibrancy and energy. Currently this small stretch of 2nd Avenue is dividing the River Landing from the downtown shopping area. :(

I know the city is trying to create a vibrant downtown, but I feel it has been planned for the last 20 years with not much action. The city has become more quiet and unsafe in the last 20 years than vibrant and energized. The more foot traffic and patios etc. will deter crime from happening rather than enhance it.

Thankyou for your understanding and attention to my letter,

Best Regards,

Greg Classen
[REDACTED] Spadina Crescent E