

September 26, 2023

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

Dear Secretary:

Re: Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) – Third Avenue United Church - 304 3rd Avenue North – Heritage Designation Bylaw Amendment Request [MHAC2023-0901]

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on September 19, 2023, considered a report of Administration regarding a request to amend the Heritage Designation Bylaw for the Third Avenue United Church located at 304 3rd Avenue North.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and at this time does not support the recommendations as outlined in the report.

In March 2023, our members heard a presentation from Fr. Herman Fields, St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church regarding the organ and at that time no discussion was held as no formal request was to be considered.

Father Herman Fields, along with Peggy Sarjeant, Saskatoon Heritage Society, were both present at the September 19, 2023, meeting. Father Herman Fields addressed the Advisory Committee's questions related to the request to remove the organ. Additionally, the Committee also heard from Peggy Sarjeant regarding the process that was taken to designate the building in 2017 which included the organ. A communication from Michelle Alders was also received providing her comments as a former organist at the Third Avenue Church.

During discussion, members were informed about the concerns of the St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church's congregation regarding the organ, however in recent times there has been no accurate estimate for its repair. Peggy Sarjeant of the Heritage Society suggested that accepting the recommendation as outlined in the report could have a delegitimizing effect on the process of heritage designation in Saskatoon.

The Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to the SPC on Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services requesting that the matter be deferred until stakeholders including the owner, the musical community, the City,

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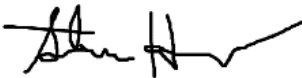
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public and any other relevant parties, can review and provide feedback on the heritage designation item prior to the consideration of the request to amend the Heritage Designation.

The Advisory Committee believes that a complete review/assessment of the organ by these parties would provide further understanding as to the physical status of the organ and the wishes of the community regarding the organ's preservation as it has become apparent not many know they can request to play the organ.

I wish to address the Committee on the matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stevie Horn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stevie Horn, Chair
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

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cc: General Manager, Community Services Division
Director, Planning and Development, Community Services Division
Development Review Manager, Community Services Division
Heritage and Design Coordinator, Community Services Division