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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, October 23, 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): Former member/Chair of Third Avenue United Church, Saskatoon

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Council Meeting the week of Monday October 23, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.3 Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development & Community Services 9.3.1 Third Avenue United Church - 304 3rd Avenue North – Heritage Designation Bylaw Amendment Request [MHAC2023-0901]

Comments:

It would be appreciated if the Saskatoon City Councillors would vote to keep the Heritage Status on Third Avenue Church organ. Removal of the organ from Third Avenue Church building would not benefit the organ or the city in any way. Upkeep of the organ is possible even with a small congregation, as the dwindling congregation of Third Avenue United Church was able to. It needs to be played on a regular basis to keep it in good form.

Attachments:

- [Letter to Saskatoon City Council re- Heritage Status on Third Avenue Church organ.pdf](#)32.55 KB

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

Crystal Villa
Warman, Saskatchewan
October 23, 2023

This is a letter to Saskatoon City Council and all others involved with the determination of the heritage status for the organ in Third Avenue Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

To Whom it May Concern:

With regards to the possible removal of the Heritage Designation on the organ in Third Avenue Church, Saskatoon:

When the building was sold to Saint Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church, the Saint Vincent congregants were informed of the presence and status of the organ at that time. They were told the history of the organ, and that the organ needed some upkeep. They were given the estimate for full restoration before purchase and informed that not all of the work would have to be done at one time. If the mechanical problems such as cyphering of the pipes and the upkeep of the leather pads, were dealt with on a regular basis, the organ could be kept in good, usable condition. Oiling of the blower motors should also be done regularly. These ideas were told to the new owners prior to and after the sale of the church. Third Avenue United Church congregation went looking for people to play the organ while they were selling it, to make sure it was used and usable. Saint Vincent of Lerins congregation could also do this, possibly ask the University of Saskatchewan Music Department if they have students that would like to practice on the organ.

The Saint Vincent of Lerins Congregation was also told that there was money available from the Saskatoon City Heritage fund and from the Provincial Heritage Foundation fund that could be applied for, and used, to help restore the organ and keep the Stained-Glass Windows in good repair, as both of these have heritage status. Money from these funds has already been received and used by Third Avenue United Church Congregation to fix the flat roofs on the church prior to the sale of the church to the Saint Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Congregation. The warranty for the flat roof repairs was kindly transferred to the new owners by the company that did the repairs.

Part of the sale agreement of Third Avenue Church to Saint Vincent of Lerins Congregation was that they would allow up to four concerts involving the organ in Third Avenue Church to take place. They would be responsible for the upkeep of the organ so this could happen.

It is too bad that the servicing of the organ in Third Avenue Church has not been done continuously as this would have reduced the problems with the organ now.

Removal of the heritage designation on the organ in Third Avenue Church would be a mistake as this organ was built for that space. The more the organ is used, the better it is and the easier it is to keep in good condition. Removal of the organ would be very costly and would have to

be done by professionals. If people other than professionals removed the organ, much damage would be done and the organ could easily become unusable. Going into the back of the organ, behind the choir loft where the pipes are, should only be done by those who know what they are doing as the pipes can be easily stepped on and damaged in this or in other ways.

Please keep the organ where it is and keep the heritage status in place.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Holmes (former member and chair of Third Avenue United Church, Saskatoon, SK)

All of the above references to Third Avenue Church refer to the building on the north east corner of Third Avenue and 24th Street in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. This building is now owned by Saint Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.