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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Nicole Burgess - Building Standards – Proposed Program Fee Changes for 2024 and 2025 - CK 1720-1  
**Attachments:** Letter to Council Permit Fee Increases Nov 2023.pdf

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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>

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Submitted on Thursday, November 16, 2023 - 10:50

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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

**I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.:** No

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

**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 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):** Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** City Council Regular Meeting Nov 22

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 8.3.3 Building Standards – Proposed Program Fee Changes for 2024 and 2025 [PDCS2023-1102]

**Comments:**

attached

**Attachments:**

- [Letter to Council Permit Fee Increases Nov 2023.pdf](#)163.4 KB

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



November 16, 2023

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**RE: 8.3.3 Building Standards – Proposed Program Fee Changes for 2024 and 2025 [PDCS2023-1102]**

I am writing on behalf of the Saskatoon and Region Home Builders Association to express our gratitude for the ongoing engagement and collaborative opportunities provided to us in relation to the proposed increases for permit application fees. We value the open and transparent working relationship we have with the city, and we appreciate the chance to consult and convey the feedback from our members who will be directly affected by these changes.

We commend the city for its responsiveness to our concerns, particularly the revision to the initial fee increases that reflects the direct feedback provided. However, we wish to express our desire for further exploration of efficiencies that could help mitigate the impact of these fee increases.

The primary concern of the Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association revolves around the erosion of housing affordability in our city. As you are aware, the industry is currently grappling with escalating pressures from various sources, including application fees, development costs, taxes, labor, and construction materials, among others. While each of these factors may appear relatively minor individually, their cumulative effect poses a threat to Saskatoon's standing as one of the most affordable housing markets in Canada.

In light of these challenges, we respectfully suggest that the council advocate for administration to continue exploring innovative ways to achieve efficiencies while maintaining service levels, rather than resorting to fee increases as the sole solution. If an increase is deemed necessary, we recommend that any adjustments accurately reflect the impact of inflation.

We eagerly anticipate ongoing collaboration with Building Standards and other civic departments to address all matters that contribute to increased costs, which are ultimately passed on to new homeowners in Saskatoon.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to further dialogue and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Nicole Burgess, BA, CAE  
Chief Executive Officer