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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Nicole Burgess - 2023 Adjusted and 2024 Preliminary Prepaid Servicing Rates - Direct and Offsite - CK 4216-1
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Submitted on Monday, December 4, 2023 - 08:50

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: Monday, December 04, 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):: PD&CS Dec 6, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.1 2023 Adjusted and 2024 Preliminary Prepaid Servicing Rates (Direct and Offsite) [PDCS2023-1204]

Comments:

Attached letter

Attachments:

- [Letter to PDCS on 2024 Development Fee Increase.pdf](#) 137.95 KB

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



December 4, 2023

Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services
222 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon SK S7K 0J5

RE: Feedback on 7.2.1 2023 Adjusted and 2024 Preliminary Prepaid Servicing Rates (Direct and Offsite) [PDCS2023-1204]

I am writing on behalf of the Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association (SRHBA) to express our concern regarding the potential impact of the proposed development levy fee increase on housing affordability and investment in our city. Recent discussions among our SRHBA Developer Members have revealed that some are contemplating relocating their future investments outside of Saskatoon in response to the proposed changes.


One of our primary concerns is the substantial influence that the cost of servicing a lot has on the overall expense of a new home in the present day. When combined with the suggested increases in individual levies and overall offsite charges, we find ourselves facing a situation that could significantly undermine housing affordability for the citizens of Saskatoon. This, in turn, may negatively affect an industry that plays a crucial role in supporting the City's projected population growth.

While we appreciate the analysis provided by the City, we believe it is somewhat one-sided, focusing on this intricate issue from a singular perspective. Given the current circumstances, it is imperative that housing affordability is taken into account. The homebuilding industry is already grappling with mounting pressures from various sources, including application fees, development costs, taxes, labor, and construction materials. Although these factors may appear relatively minor individually, the cumulative effect of these cost increases poses a genuine threat to Saskatoon's standing as one of the most affordable housing markets in Canada.

We propose that the committee recommends the administration to explore innovative approaches to maintain the existing rate before resorting to another detrimental fee increase. If an increase proves unavoidable, we request that it accurately reflects inflation rates to safeguard housing affordability for the citizens of Saskatoon.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to a thoughtful consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,


Nicole Burgess, BA, CAE
Chief Executive Officer