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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Ryan Fredrickson - Options for the Review of Minimum Parking Regulations - CK 4350-70
Attachments: Construction Association Open Option Parking Letter of Support.pdf

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To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, December 4, 2023 - 11:43

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 Construction Association

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: SPC-PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - PUBLIC - Wednesday, 6 December 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.1.1 Options for the Review of Minimum Parking Regulations [MPC2023-0502]

Comments:

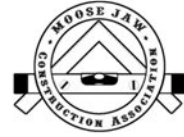
Please accept the attached letter for the SPC decision item 7.1.1.

Thank-you,
Ryan

Attachments:

- [Construction Association Open Option Parking Letter of Support.pdf](#)441.46 KB

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



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Attention: Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Service
Subject: Support for Open Option Parking

I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Construction Associations of Saskatchewan. I would like to express our strong support for implementing Open Option Parking and removing parking minimums in Saskatoon. We believe that this progressive step will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of our city, but also reduce barriers to development, making Saskatoon a more attractive destination for citizens and businesses alike.

It is crucial to highlight that, **according to the City of Saskatoon Administration Report, all surveyed municipalities that have implemented changes to their zoning bylaws have reported no substantial decrease in the provision of off-street parking.**

In examining the example set by the City of Edmonton, the adoption of Open Option Parking has proven to be a catalyst for positive change. By allowing developers, businesses, and landowners to determine and meet parking demand, Edmonton has created a more flexible and adaptive urban landscape. The reduction of regulatory constraints has not only benefited the City's vision for the future but has also alleviated barriers and extra costs associated with development, streamlining the entire process.

The commercial construction industry in Saskatoon has, at times, faced significant delays and added costs due to permitting issues related to parking requirements. Open Option Parking will undoubtedly contribute to resolving such challenges, allowing for more efficient project progression, and minimizing unnecessary hurdles during the design and permitting stages. By focusing on user experience and facilitating collaborative decision-making, we can transform Saskatoon into a city that attracts development while fostering economic growth.

Our association strongly advocates for non-regulated decision-making in development, especially in the context of Open Option Parking. By providing developers and investors with the flexibility to



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address parking demands organically, we enable them to make informed decisions that align with the evolving needs of our community. This approach enhances the development process and contributes to the creation of a vibrant and sustainable urban environment. In addition, this is the most efficient option for the City administration to implement, reducing the potential workload and time associated with the proposed change.

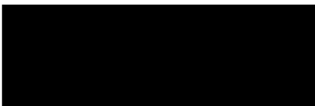
The removal of parking minimums is a positive shift towards ensuring that the construction industry and investors can navigate the development review process more efficiently, fostering the creation of a beautiful and dynamic city. We applaud the City administration for acknowledging Open Option Parking as the optimal choice, aligning seamlessly with the City's goals. This endorsement further acknowledges the imperative to empower developers in shaping spaces that cater to the evolving needs of our community, prioritizing a people-centric approach to urban planning over rigid parking requirements.

Open Option Parking empowers developers to design our city around people, not parking, ensuring a more attractive, efficient, and economically viable urban landscape.

The Construction Associations of Saskatchewan are dedicated to collaborating with the City and its administration to make Saskatoon an attractive place to live, build, and work. Our tagline, "Together, We Build Saskatchewan," underscores our commitment to fostering partnerships that drive positive change. We believe that by working together, we can build a city that reflects the aspirations of its citizens and promotes sustainable growth.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to continued collaboration towards a more vibrant and prosperous Saskatoon.

Sincerely,



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