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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: Sunday, December 17, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Brahm

Last Name: Neufeld

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: December 20, 2023 Regular Meeting of City Council

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: "PDCS Recommends Minimum Parking Requirements be Removed"

Comments:

Dear City Council,

I am writing in support of the PDCS recommendation to remove minimum parking requirements from Saskatoon zoning bylaws.

I recently read the book "Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World" by Henry Grabar. It was a thoughtful look at how parking negatively impacts North American cities by increasing sprawl and expense. I would highly recommend skeptical council members pick up a copy for their holiday reading lists.

I'd like to share this quote from the book's introductory chapter:

"Whoever said life was about the journey and not the destination never had to look for a place to park. Every trip must begin and end with a parking space, and in no uncertain terms. We expect parking to be immediately available, directly in front of our destination, and most important, free. This is unique. ***It would be unimaginable to hold any other good or service to the same standard***."

To improve the livability of Saskatoon in the long term, we obviously cannot abolish parking as cars will always remain part of our collective lifestyles. However, we cannot be subservient to the requirements of cars over human and resident needs and good urban design principles. Removing parking minimums will allow the city to evolve organically, allow homes and businesses to determine how best to use their lots, and significantly reduce the cost of lot development.

Thank you for your consideration,
Brahm Neufeld
Stonebridge

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