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Thank you for the recent meeting and research that has been undertaken to review the role of commissions in other jurisdictions. The SMRC respects the work that you have put into this effort.

In addition, the members of the SMRC have spent time considering the role of the commission in the current context and historically the work it has achieved.

We knew when we began with SMRC in 2014 that our mandate was one of necessity yet positioned for the future and the work that has been done has been nothing less of exemplary. I know that I speak for all of the members present and past of SMRC that it has been a pleasure to serve on this commission.

Because of the work done by SMRC there is now a process in place for complaints to be handled in an efficient manner with the Integrity Commissioner; the election process has been improved with more changes to come supported by full time staff at the City; City Councillors are being supported by City Staff in a meaningful way; and there is a Code of Conduct in place to guide their actions. All of these were in the work of SMRC. Our mandate was extensive and the results of our work empowering.

The members of SMRC have met and had a fulsome discussion about the future of the commission and the "need" to keep it in place at the present. All of the commission members feel that the commission has completed it's work and met the established mandate and now time has to pass to reveal the changes and ideas implemented have merit. Therefore it is our recommendation to "sunset" the SMRC with optimism that the parameters now in place will bring the intended results and satisfaction to the city of Saskatoon and our Citizens.

We would be happy to meet with the Leadership Team Governance Sub committee at your request. We will look to you for advice as to whether we need to submit resignations from the Commission or if there is another process to "sunset" the Commission in its current form and recognize the members participation.

Our previous reports are public and posted to the City website, in addition the bylaw establishing the SMRC remains, providing an opportunity for the City to revive a new SMRC at an appropriate time should the need arise.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

*Sincerely,
Linda S. Moulin
Acting Chair, SMRC*