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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: Friday, April 19, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Kevin

Last Name: Abrey

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Kevin A-bree

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Salloum Cres

Ward: Ward 10

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Public Hearing - April 24th re: ADU

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: General Comments RE: ADUs

Comments:

It concerns me that the City's longstanding principles of trust and integrity of Zoning maps, employing long term thinking needs to stand for decades; and it is being undermined, so quickly with little fanfare or publicity of these meetings with the promise of money by the federal government. RM1 is RM1 is RM1. It was noted by Heather Ryan at the Planning Commission hearing that details of the changes were hidden or absent. UNTIL RECENTLY, you could look at a zoning map of new neighbourhoods, and you could plan your home purchase around what the neighbourhood will look like for the next 50 years. You could make that plan because you had the trust in the oath and covenants at City Hall that they would honour these commitments. Yes, the provisions are that you can request zoning variances, and that can follow due process on a one-by-one basis. You now consider breaking the trust and the principles of zoning to RM1 quietly for the whole City, with little publicity to blanket rezone RM1 into RM2/RM3 equivalent, with major changes to the character of neighbourhoods (not minor). You could potentially have 10 adults residing on a lot, 9 refuse bins. I understand that there is also consideration for 4 units on larger legacy lots (with up to 12 bins). Let's face the facts: 1. Our transit system is insufficient to provide coverage to all these RM1 areas (our City is not designed for this as we are a small city with extreme climate); 2. Where do the utility bins go?, 3. How do you snow clear around all the bins and cars?; 4. How do you ensure peace and enjoyment of property for adjacent neighbours?; 5. Do you discourage developers who are developing by the rules on medium to high density properties?; 6. Do you clog lanes of traffic for cyclists and for transit and increase traffic?; 7. These properties with more density become menacing for fire protection compliance and policing (For instance, the two houses that burned down behind us in 2019, the unit with the secondary suite had 4 smoking adults who my wife correctly predicted were going to burn down that house).

My suggestion: Advocate to the Federal Government to: 1. reduce the flow of immigration to sustainable levels: 2. issue temporary permits to allow for rooming more people in existing homes (not a permanent zoning change), 3. fast-track permits for existing higher density projects, 4. speed up variance requests that are roadblocks to developers (like a 1 meter variance on heights, etc.).

I implore you to stand for truth and integrity as an example to upcoming generations. What the City stated was going to be RM1 for decades and decades needs to be protected, not misleading people. Thank you.

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