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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Shelby

Last Name: Knapman

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Shel-bee Nap-min

Email:

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Ward: Ward 1

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: MPC May 28th

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Items 7.6-7.7

Comments:

Dear members of the Saskatoon MPC,

As a proud homeowner in the vibrant City Park neighbourhood of Saskatoon, I am eager to express my support for items 7.5-7.7.

These proposed adjustments, particularly permitting 4 units as of right and allowing 4 stories near transit hubs, are pivotal steps towards fostering a healthier budget, constructing a more accessible city, and nurturing a pedestrian-friendly, environmentally conscious atmosphere.

Embracing increased housing density near transit corridors is imperative as Saskatoon prepares for its forthcoming Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) initiative, ensuring optimal utilization and impact.

The current pattern of suburban expansion is unsustainable, and while newer suburban areas may boast higher density, they pale in comparison to the existing walkability of core neighbourhoods like City Park, Nutana, Caswell Hill, and Buena Vista as well as others. It's essential to extend access to these exceptional urban spaces to a broader population.

These measures will also help Saskatoon reach our growth plan goals in regard to neighbourhood infill and strategic infill, versus greenfield development.

Eliminating arbitrary barriers to housing is paramount in enhancing affordability, and this proposal represents a promising advancement. While some may oppose these measures for various reasons, it's important that your committee and City Council continue to be bold in changing policy like this so we can avoid the current sprawl issues faced in communities ahead of our curve, like Calgary, Edmonton, and Winnipeg.

Warm regards, Shelby Knapman

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