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From: City Council

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Brett Williams - Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan - CK 750-1

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Submitted by user:

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, May 27, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Brett

Last Name: Williams

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306

Email:

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward: Address: Kirk Crescent

Ward: Ward 8

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Greystone Heights Community Association

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan

Comments:

Letter attached.

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

The Home Accelerator Fund Action Plan needs to be halted immediately. The potential impact on the communities of Greystone Heights and Grosvenor Park involves more than just the economics of property values, but also increases the risks to the ecology, environment, and infrastructure. All elements which are already precarious. We just moved into Greystone Heights in 2022, and willingly over-paid for our house. A conscious decision, justified by attraction to the community, both for it's immediate and (assumed) future appeal. The omission of any consultation with residents is asinine and infuriating. You have strategically left your constituents uninformed, which reeks of ulterior motives.

Your document titled "Corridor Growth Boundary and Land Use Amendments" contains clear deception (highlighted below), as the presented communication and engagement strategies simply did not occur. Specifically, as an area homeowner <u>and</u> board member of our community association, I unequivocally did <u>not</u> receive any email newsletters nor addressed mail, and I did not see any posters.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

The Corridor Planning team worked closely with the Communications and Public Engagement Department to develop and deliver a communication and engagement plan and appropriate materials to communicate to the community the effects the proposed land use changes may have on their interests. Communications to date have included email newsletters, posters and social media, as well as direct communications to area homeowners, property owners, Community Associations. Business Improvement Districts, First Nations with land interests in the identified corridor areas and various interested community groups.

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Corridor Growth Boundary and Land Use Amendments

Six land use engagement sessions took place from September to November 2023. Property owners were notified by addressed mail. In conjunction with these events, an online mapping tool, open to all residents of Saskatoon was used to capture feedback. A summary of the engagement was posted on the Corridor Planning engage page (see Appendix 5).

The land use plans were refined to incorporate adjustments resulting from revisions made to the HAF Action Plan application in November 2023, feedback from various departments, and insights gathered during fall engagement sessions. These revisions were presented during an online information session in February, where updated land use maps and project modifications resulting from changes to the HAF application were also discussed. A recording of the session and the accompanying presentation were subsequently made available on the engage page.

This is clearly against the best interests of existing residents, and it cannot proceed until sufficient information sharing and consultation has occurred. This must be paused until these criteria are met.

