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To: Web E-mail - City Clerks <City.Clerks@Saskatoon.ca>
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Hello to Mayor Clark and all City Councillors,

I am writing to personally object to the City of Saskatoon's Housing Accelerator Fund and changes to the OCP / Parking issues.

I did fill out the survey but thought of a few other points that I want to mention as well as another parking issue.

This was not advertised well. It is being rushed and something to push through before the next election. It fits into the current administration's dream of having a walkable city but it is not practical in many ways and needs more time to plan which is what the council did for many other decisions made and I object to that.

1. This will destroy the existing character of the neighbourhood.
2. It works for developers, investors, people with ample money and the City for increased tax revenue but not the average person.
3. Do developers still get to use the existing dump without regard for what is being bulldozed from these areas? Fees? Has that issue been addressed because a few years ago it was not. It was in the ten year plan.
4. This will put areas out of affordability.
5. Urban forest... has the issue of trees on existing been thought of with regard to new builds. Vancouver has a limit of how many trees can be removed from an existing property. The City of Saskatoon talks about an urban forest but not with regard to this plan at all.
6. People want to drive for various reasons and this will not deter them.
7. Downtown is going to die if Council does not address some serious issues. I know or know of many individuals and couples who have walked, taken the bus or driven downtown to shop and no Downtown parking prices are ridiculous. We are not in Calgary or any other big city and Council needs to cease comparison to them. The parking machines may or may not work. People have less coins with them. But now there is a service fee for each use including extending time for parking. Walking downtown does not feel safe even in the daytime for many people (butcher knife coming out of a jacket last summer as a 50 year old friend walked over the Broadway Bridge at 10:00 am on a Saturday morning last summer as one example). The bus issue is the same and not everyone has a bike or feels like riding it in traffic. Forcing a walkability issue on people will not fix this issue. People will drive and parking will be a nightmare.
8. Parking enforcement is either understaffed or is just not engaged in being helpful. They have NOT been helpful when I bothered to call on a couple of occasions, including two weeks ago. I don't think they bothered to come. I heard nothing despite my driveway being partially blocked. Yet, the Parking Enforcement officer was quite forceful telling me to pay for my parking as I had sat for a couple of minutes in a spot waiting to pull forward.
9. Speeding issues in residential zones were addressed with much fanfare but there is not much enforcement on main thoroughfare and the freeway.

We all need more time to address many issues before changes are made.

Sincerely,

Lois Thorne

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