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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: Monday, June 24, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Bertrand

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Public Hearing 24.06.27

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Items 4.1-4.4. HAF

Comments:

Please see attached comments in support of the recommendations by Administration. I would also like to reserve the right to speak virtually or in person at the hearing.

Attachments:

- [HAF Letter June 24th - BB.pdf](#)670.68 KB

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

June 24th, 2024

Members of the City Council
City Hall, City of Saskatoon
222 3rd Avenue North
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RE: Items 4.1-4.4 Housing Accelerator Fund

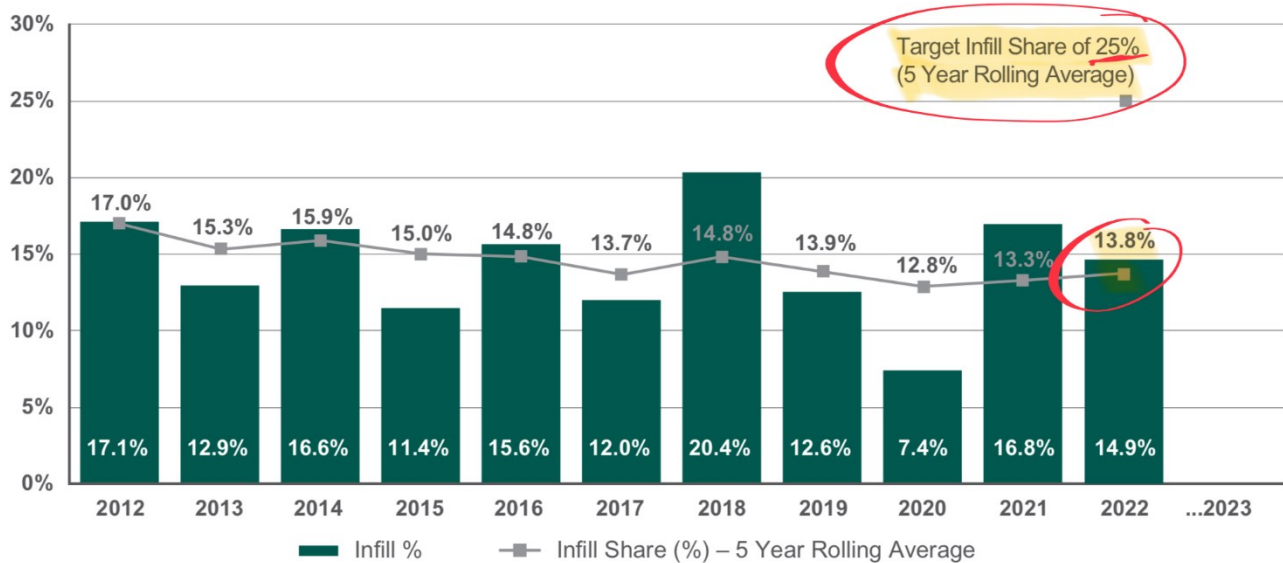
Dear Mayor and City Council,

I'm writing to express my support for the changes recommended by administration regarding the HAF program.

These changes are extremely important for our future generations and have significant effect on our city's equity, prosperity, and environmental footprint. These changes will have lasting positive effects on our city while welcoming more people and families to our existing neighbourhoods which contributes to a more compact, affordable and sustainable city. Saskatoon knows this and has indicated desire toward these goals in their vision and strategic planning documents.

However, the City has not even come close to meeting their infill targets over the last 10 years as evidenced by the diagram below from the City's Growth Monitoring Report. **We are heading in the wrong direction. Since 2012 we've lost ground. Our population is growing. Homes are getting more expensive. Vacancy rates are plummeting. More deliberate strategies are required.**

Figure 16: Residential Infill Development (percentage of total new dwellings city-wide, 2012 - 2022)



Source: Building Standards – City of Saskatoon

Because the format of this hearing favours established citizens and retirees, you will likely not hear in person from many young working families or newcomers struggling to find a decent place to live close to existing amenities in walkable neighbourhoods. You will on the other hand, no doubt hear from many concerned citizens who seek to

keep their neighbourhoods from changing. Their fear of change is actually a means to exclude certain types of housing and by extension certain types of people. The reality is that you should not only be thinking about existing residents when contemplating these changes. These changes to the zoning bylaw are about playing the long-game. Any changes instituted will take decades to have significant impacts on existing neighbourhoods. **It is about loosening the restrictions on development to promote slow growth in the city and give more housing options for citizens.** This is extremely important if Saskatoon wants to be able to welcome more people and compete with other cities across the country who have already adopted similar changes to their zoning bylaw including Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, etc, etc.

Missing middle housing is not new to Saskatoon. In fact most many of the city's great neighbourhoods include multiplexes or apartments next to single-family homes. These photos below from Nutana show that the character of the neighbourhood is not ruined by providing more housing options. Similar conditions exist in other neighbourhoods like City Park, Caswell Hill, Nutana Suburban Centre(which has 6+ storey buildings directly across the street from single family homes), and many more.



Our city is experiencing a period of significant growth and becoming less affordable. We need to address the fundamental items that have the greatest impact on our future sustainability, affordability and inclusiveness. This decision is about creating a more equitable future and should not be voted against to satisfy the concerns of the privileged who were lucky enough to have purchased or inherited a home in an existing single family neighbourhood in more affordable times. I respectfully ask that Councillors to endorse administration's recommendations.

It's time for us to grow up and take meaningful actions toward creating a city where our children and grandchildren can afford to live. Be brave and do the right thing.

Signature
[Redacted Signature]

Bertrand Bartake
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