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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, June 24, 2024 - 14:17

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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, June 24, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: David

Last Name: Goldie

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Cairns Ave

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: HAF Meeting June 27th

Comments:

See the attached letter.

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

To the members of City Council,

I am writing to you to show my support for the proposed zoning amendments that will allow density infill of 4-storeys in areas within proximity to BRT transit lines and 6-storeys along transit corridors near BRT stations.

As the city has grown in recent years the physical capacity of the street grid cannot possibly support the rate of growth the City of Saskatoon is headed towards. For the city to be able to function, rapid transit is the only method that can handle this growth rate without the street network becoming permanently stuck in gridlock. For example, as of 2022, the average annual daily travel volume of cars commuting through 8th street from Acadia St. to Circle Dr. is 25,300 cars per day. This rate increases to 28,300 cars once commuters travel westbound into the city center west of Circle Dr. Once the Brighton subdivision is completed there could be as many as 35,000 cars congesting this thoroughfare in the future, which is one of the city's main arteries. This 8th Street route is designated for the proposed BRT system which will significantly reduce this volume of traffic. However, the continued suburban expansion on the city's east side will gradually reduce these gains unless density infill along our BRT corridors corresponds with any level of suburban growth in the outer areas. This infill opportunity in conjunction with the Housing Accelerator Fund is the best chance we have to make these plans come to fruition.

I am urging you to take this opportunity seriously and prevent Saskatoon from becoming an even more dysfunctional version of Calgary. Please think pragmatically about the circumstances and do not remove this one unique opportunity for the city to develop sustainably and affordably.

Sincerely,

David G