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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Mathieu Gaudet - Métis Nation-Saskatchewan - Housing Accelerator Fund – Removal of Municipal Reserve Designation – 1635 McKercher Drive - CK 4000-3 x 750-1

Attachments: LOS Minister King for City Council.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 9:15 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Thursday, August 22, 2024 - 09:11

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: Thursday, August 22, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Mathieu

Last Name: Gaudet

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 20th St E

Ward: Ward 6

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Métis Nation-Saskatchewan

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.2.1 Housing Accelerator Fund – Removal of Municipal Reserve Designation – 1635 McKercher Drive [GPC2023-0503]

Comments:

please see attached letter of support

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



August 15, 2024

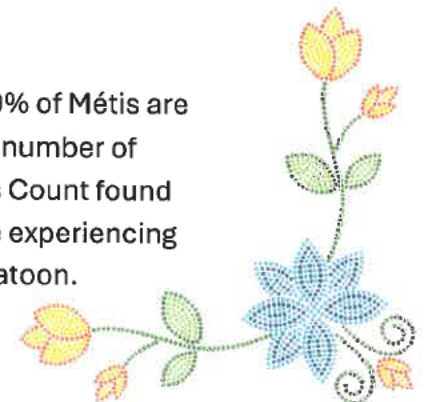
Re: Support for the Sale or Lease of City-Owned Lands for Affordable Housing Development

Taanishi,
Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the recent actions taken by City Council to facilitate the development of affordable housing on City-owned lands. The parcels identified for potential development at 2401 Broadway Avenue, 25 25th Street East, 231 23rd Street East & 155 3rd Avenue North, and a portion of 1635 McKercher Drive represent strategic locations that can significantly contribute to increasing the supply of affordable housing in Saskatoon. The removal of the existing Municipal Reserve designation for a portion of the Lakewood Civic Centre site is another crucial step that will open up new opportunities for housing development in an area that is accessible and well-serviced.

These actions are particularly important given the significant challenges our community faces regarding affordable housing. According to the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Housing Needs Assessment, affordability remains the community's greatest challenge, with only 50% of households meeting the affordability threshold, compared to the national benchmark of 84.2%. This issue is even more prevalent among renters, with only 39.6% meeting the affordability threshold, underscoring the urgent need for more affordable rental options. Seniors and veterans also face severe affordability issues, scoring the lowest on affordability metrics.

Statistics Canada data highlights the housing crisis, revealing that 7.9% of Métis are living in crowded conditions, with many experiencing shortfalls in the number of bedrooms needed. The 2022 Saskatoon Point-in-Time Homelessness Count found that Indigenous People represent a disproportionate number of those experiencing homelessness, making up 90.1% of the homeless population in Saskatoon.





From November 2023 to March 31, 2024, MN-S Citizen Support Workers provided essential support to 649 individuals across the province, offering information, advocacy, and referrals for housing. This included significant internal housing support through programs such as the First Time Home Buyers program, the Emergency Repair Program, and the Homelessness Prevention Funding. Notably, 192 Homelessness Prevention Funding applications were approved during this period, reflecting the urgent need for these resources. Additionally, referrals were made to external housing-related supports, including emergency shelters like the YWCA, Interval House, and STC.

City Council's recent actions, including the exploration of affordable housing development on City-owned land and the removal of Municipal Reserve designations, are aligned with the broader objectives of enhancing housing affordability and accessibility in Saskatoon. These efforts are crucial for addressing the immediate housing needs of our community and ensuring that all residents have access to safe, stable, and affordable homes.

In conclusion, I strongly urge City Council to continue moving forward with these initiatives and to approve the necessary actions to facilitate the development of affordable housing on the identified sites.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing commitment to addressing the housing challenges facing our community.

Maarsii, thank you.
Métis Nation–Saskatchewan



Loretta King,
Minister, Housing and Infrastructure

