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**From:** City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - David Morrison - Arbutus Properties - City-Owned Land Incentives 2025 - 256 New Affordable Rental Units on Three City-Owned Properties - CK 750-1  
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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, February 24, 2025

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** David

**Last Name:** Morrison

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Day-vid Morr-uh-suhn

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Emerald Crescent

**Ward:** Ward 9

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** Arbutus Properties

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - February 26th

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** City-Owned Land Incentives 2025

**Comments:**

See attached letter of support for the development of 256 new affordable rental units on three city-owned properties in Saskatoon.

**Attachments:**

- [D.Morrison Arbutus Properties - Letter to Council - 24th Feb 2025.pdf](#) 124.56 KB

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

24<sup>th</sup> of February 2025

Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services  
Office of the City Clerk  
222 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
S7K 0J5

Dear Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services,

I am writing on behalf of Arbutus Properties to express our support in the development of 256 new affordable rental units on three City-owned properties in Saskatoon.

As a developer ourselves regularly overseeing the construction and commissioning of new large-scale (200+ units) apartment buildings, we can see first-hand the demand for affordable living in this city. It does not take very long for our buildings to be fully leased once they open, which speaks loudly to the need for these types of developments in Saskatoon.

Additionally, with the drastic rise in the cost of construction, and the ongoing threat of tariffs on raw material, we are likely to see even affordable housing options such as rental apartments become much more expensive to construct. This can drastically affect keeping properties financially afloat and can potentially scare developers away from investing in projects such as these in the future.

The four recommendations provided by the Standing Policy Committee will go a long way to addressing the housing and cost of living issues, cutting additional inflationary construction costs and building developer confidence in Saskatoon.

I encourage the Planning Committee and City Council to support the approval request to increase the number of affordable rental units in the city and hope to see many similar projects in the future.

Yours Sincerely,



David Morrison  
Project Manager  
Arbutus Properties