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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Landon Field - Official Community Plan Amendment – Permitting Secondary Suites in Semi-Detached Dwellings
Attachments: Letter to Council - March 26.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 8:25 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, March 24, 2025 - 08:21

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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, March 24, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Landon

Last Name: Field

Email: ceo@rhsk.ca

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: ████████ McKercher Dr

Ward: Ward 8

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Rental Housing Saskatchewan

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known): Public Hearing - March 26, 2025

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1 - Official Community Plan Amendment – Permitting Secondary Suites in Semi-Detached Dwellings [MPC2025-0203]

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

On behalf of Rental Housing Saskatchewan (RHSK), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 9700 – Official Community Plan, 2020, and Bylaw No. 9990 – Zoning Bylaw, 2024, allowing secondary suites in semi-detached dwellings (SDDs). These amendments align with Saskatoon's Housing Action Plan and efforts to increase housing options while maintaining affordability and responsible development. Our association is supportive of Bylaw 10062, and Bylaw 10063 as they are presented.

Currently, secondary suites are allowed only in detached one-unit dwellings. Adding a second unit to an SDD requires converting the entire building into a multiple-unit dwelling, which is a more complex and restrictive process. This amendment offers a straightforward, low-impact way to increase housing supply without changing development standards. The National Building Code (NBC) already includes life safety regulations for secondary suites, ensuring that this change maintains safety standards. I would encourage City Council to approve these amendments and expand them to RTM sites.

Saskatoon's rental vacancies remain extremely low, and there is an immediate need for solutions that incentivize purpose-built rental construction. Saskatoon is experiencing a growing demand for diverse and flexible housing options, and allowing secondary suites in SDDs is a critical and immediate step toward addressing this need. Other municipalities across Saskatchewan, including Regina, Warman, Prince Albert, Weyburn, Pilot Butte, and Lloydminster, have already moved forward with similar changes, successfully expanding housing choices while increasing affordability and accessibility. Saskatoon must act now to keep pace and provide more attainable housing options for residents.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to creating housing solutions for Saskatoon.

Sincerely,
Landon Field, BComm., CGS
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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



March 21, 2024

Her Worship the Mayor & Members of City Council
City of Saskatoon
222 – 3rd Ave. N
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

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