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**Date:** Friday, May 02, 2025

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

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** tanding Policy Committee on Planning, Development, and Community Services (PD&CS)

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 6.2.1 Housing Accelerator Fund Update and Proposed Approach for Incentives [GPC2023-0503]popup6.2.1 Saskatoon Transit Full-Fleet Zero Emission Bus Implementation Plan – CUTRIC Report [TS2025-0504]

**Comments:**

I am submitting a letter on behalf of the Saskatoon Climate Hub regarding the Housing Accelerator Fund Update and Proposed Approach for Incentives. Thank you.

**Attachments:**

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



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Saskatoon, May 4, 2025

Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development, & Community Service  
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Dear Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development, & Community Service

The Saskatoon Climate Hub (SCH) would like to express our support for the recommendation under 6.2.1. Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Update and Proposed Approach for Incentives.

We commend the incentives aimed at remediating and redeveloping brownfields and increasing support for projects that encourage revitalization and renewal in priority growth areas. These are important actions to take toward developing housing that is affordable and accessible while committing to environmental and climate goals. These incentives provide direct investment toward the necessary transformational infrastructure needed to reduce our environmental impact, land use, and provide accessible and affordable housing.

To continue supporting this positive progress, we encourage council to include the following when continuing to pursue development with the HAF:

1. **Align building codes with future projects.** As discussions continue about whether to remain at Tier 2, we encourage bold environmental and sustainability ambitions for Saskatoon. By ensuring that upcoming developments meet the anticipated Tier 3 building standards for 2026, the city can promote environmentally sustainable construction.



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This will not only reduce energy costs for homeowners and tenants but also support resilient infrastructure and enhance long-term livability.

2. **Continue advancing incentives that reduce urban sprawl in our city and encourage density.** This reduces environmental impact and takes stress off of continued land use and pressure on biodiverse regions around the city.
3. **Implement urban planning that continues to situate accessible and rapid transportation, accessible and diverse amenities and affordable and sustainable homes together.** This perspective advances the City's additional targets as outlined in their contribution agreements with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and provides a myriad of community benefits.
4. **Provide incentives to projects that include green spaces** such as gardens, prairie pollinator flower beds and trees to add to the city's tree canopy coverages. These provide benefits associated with mental, physical and community health, carbon sinks for GHG (GreenHouse Gasses) emissions, increased biodiversity in the form of pollinators.

The City will be able to take significant strides towards providing housing for its residents by centering environmental resilience, sustainability and affordability as fundamentals in the incentivization for HAF funding.

We all look forward to seeing continued progress towards the above objectives and, at its core, an important step toward alleviating our current housing and environmental crisis.

Thank you,

Jory Vermette on behalf of the Saskatoon Climate Hub