

May 19, 2025

Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Dear City Council:

Re: Energy Regulation Options for Building Standards (UIN PDCS2024-1201)

At its meeting on May 16, 2025, the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) acknowledged the upcoming presentation of the report titled Energy Regulation Options for Building Standards (UIN PDCS2024-1201). This report is scheduled for discussion at the City Council Regular Business Meeting on May 21, 2025.

The Committee expressed interest in the content and potential implications of the report, recognizing its significance in advancing sustainable building practices and supporting climate commitments.

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee supports the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Planning Development and Community Services that:

1. Option 1 - Maintain alignment with LEC plan - Regulate to Tier 2, be approved, and
2. That City Solicitors be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 9958, Building Bylaw, 2024.

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee respectfully asks that City Council consider the following:

- Tier 2 has been the minimum energy standard for Saskatchewan January 1, 2024 to April 15, 2025 and contractors have been operating at this standard during this time.
- The environmental benefits include alignment with the Low Emissions Community Plan, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved energy conservation.
- Regulating to Tier 2 aligns with the City's commitment to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- While the initial buildings costs are higher (\$1,100 to \$3,300), there are long-term savings energy savings for the homeowner of 10% per year for Tier 2 and %20 per year for Tier 3 (~\$300/year for Tier 2 and ~\$624/year for Tier 3) according to Efficiency Canada. This will add to the value of the home for present and future homeowners.

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- Social and economic benefits include improved building quality, home comfort and air quality. The lower energy costs of a Tier 2 home benefit renters and low-income occupants.
- In order to maintain momentum for the Tier 5 Energy Use Intensity(EUI) goal and schedule, it is urgent and critical not to regress to Tier1 and lose the progress that has been achieved.

Sincerely,

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For/ **Angela Spence**
Chair, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee