

Dear Ladies and Gentleman, I begin by stating that it is disheartening to find myself, re-visiting the topic of, 'The Fence', at 427, 429 & 431 10th St East....I cannot begin to explain the amount of hours, and collective efforts, that have been invested, to resolve a unique issue that dates back to 1912.

- To begin, some history;....When constructed in 1912 these 3 separate single family homes were built on a "single titled " 31 foot corner lot facing 10th Street East with only 1 foot ...literally a 12 inch backyard and no front yard other than the city boulevard. Normally only one single house would have been constructed facing East Lake with a full backyard but instead these 3 character homes with no backyard facing 10th Street East were built thus creating a problem for a future generation to solve. The creation and approval by City Council of 3 separately titled Heritage Condos & Fence Lease was the modern day solution to this, a unique one of a kind situation created in 1912 that was out of place with today's bylaws. The converting of the 3 single family homes from "one title to 3 individual condominium titles" PLUS with the Fence Lease was always intended as long-term solution and never intended as a temporary fix.

- After consultations, on site meetings, historical searches, architectural renderings, councillor meetings, national press coverage, a petition supporting the fence, with over 1600 local area supporters, and finally culminating, in a meeting with the Mayor and council, a collective, mutually satisfactory solution was reached, that has worked without any problem what so ever to this very day.....Fast forward to today....I received a letter from Mr. Chris Helt, who indicated in a follow up telephone conversation, that while there are absolutely no complaints at all, with respect to this fence, it is being included, in what might be referred to as a 'sweep', of changes, regarding leases, which at first glance, may appear to be similar, but upon further investigation and historical information, are in fact, entirely different.

- This "lease" for "The Fence" was intended by the Mayor, Council & City Administration as a "long-term permanent" solution to resolve this unique situation created in 1912. This issue has already been clearly & decisively decided by Council & City Administration in 1999 and to restart this issue from exactly the same place it started, when so much time and effort was made by Council & Senior City Administration, would be absolutely counterproductive. This "Condo & Fence Lease" should not be or compared to the other 5 leases the Transport Department wants to cancel. The creation of 3 Heritage Condos & Fence Lease was the modern mechanism as a long-term solution a unique one of a kind situation created in 1912 when 3 single family homes were built on a single corner lot with a 1 foot ...literally 12" backyard and no front yard other than the city boulevard. Included below is the original rendering of the 3 Heritage "Condos" & "Fence" approved by City Council.

•The 3 Heritage Home “Condos” & Fence Lease are integral to each other. Without the ability to separate these three 1912 Character homes vis-à-vis a fence between simple things such as having a barbecue, children safely playing the yard, pets or even having an alcoholic beverage outside one’s home would not be permitted. There would be significant loss of the value, perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars to the value of these homes without the use of separated front fenced yard in the absence of a backyard. It would put in jeopardy the entire practical use & financial viability of this 3 Heritage Home Condominium Association. It would put in jeopardy preserving history through single-family ownership and peaceful use of a small front yard when no backyard exists.

•Massive Community Support. The Nutana Community and the City of Saskatoon both wanted to preserve the unique heritage component of these three single family homes built in 1912. We had over whelming support from the community with an excess of 1600 people signing a petition to have this fence constructed to allow single family ownership and preserve & celebrate local architectural history for future generations.

•Preserving City of Saskatoon Heritage. These three 1912 Character homes are prime historical examples from an important era in Saskatoon history. The previous structure of three single family homes on a single corner lot put these heritage homes at risk. The individual condo and fence lease solution was the long-term solution to preserve these important examples of our heritage for generations to come. Countless hours of research and thousands of dollars were put into design & custom build of this historical period fence and gate arbours. The City of Saskatoon awarded us a Heritage Award for this fence and its contribution to highlighting & preserving Heritage. This fence design was the inspiration for the fence built at Saskatoon’s oldest residence, the City Heritage site called the Marr Residence.

•To conclude, I submit, that due to the unique aspects of this condominium project, and the approximate 20 years, of established success arrived at, from the council of the day, that this lease, and present terms, should remain unchanged.

With kind regards,

Patrick Wolfe