



City of Regina proposed zoning bylaw - impacting CrossFit Regina

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I think the by-law is unfairly prohibiting recreational businesses from operating in an area which is suited for their specific needs and requirements as a business. For the most part these types of businesses required the space that accompanies an industrial area of any city. The tall ceilings, wide rooms, lots for outdoor activities, and space to customize their environments are better suited than other commercial areas which they would be forced into using if this by-law is passed. These commercial spaces would require major overhauls and improvement, which in turn would mean increased costs, to have the most basic recreational business try to force their business set up and model into these types of commercial buildings. Imposing a cost to these business owners that would be unfairly considered now a "cost of business".

The immediate industrial businesses in the areas surrounding these recreational businesses are generally not impacted by these facilities as the higher traffic flow is predominantly in the evening hours which coincides, for the most part, with the closed hours of the non-recreational businesses in these industrial areas. All these businesses that reside in these industrial areas currently have found a way to intermingle and coincide with each other for a mutual benefit. Forcing them to move to commercial areas will increase their cost and shut down some of these places which are mostly run by local business people from Regina, which in turn, deters local business and local engagement in the business market for Regina. It unfairly creates an environment that will benefit larger chains which have more funding and access to capital from a corporate standpoint and punish local entrepreneurs.

These places and businesses create an environment for people to relax, destress, and interact with others in our community. The proposed by-law will eliminate this space for people in Regina and negatively impact the positive community that has been build.