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Dear Members of the City of Regina Architectural Heritage Committee:

The Architectural Heritage Society of Saskatchewan supports the Heritage designation of the modest house at 2506 McTavish Street.

When the original Ritter house was relocated to 2810 Albert in 1921 (now occupied by Harry & Virginia Jedlic), this more modest house was built onto the handsome cobble-stone verandah, which had remained in place.

The James Residence, an inter-war construction with wood-frame construction with wood shake and lap cladding, incorporated the original cobble-stone verandah, demonstrating an early 20th Century example of adaptive reuse, in a spirit of prairie thrift and practicality.



This sat alone in its 1920s subdivision until the 1950s, when, during the postwar boom, the River Heights mid-century houses began to fill the neighbourhood.

We encourage the City of Regina to designate 2506 McTavish Street, a site of architectural, historical, cultural, and aesthetic value, because it is an early example of the prairie vernacular of adaptive reuse. As this property transitioned from a grand to a more humble abode, it respected the history, craftsmanship, and labour of building with local field stones, and understood the importance of re-using what we had, and not wasting the embodied energy of our (hand)built environment. This early ecological stance is to be admired.

Yours sincerely,

Jeannie Mah
for Rod Stutt, Frank Korvemaker, Brian Bell, Al Gill

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