

February 27, 2017

To: His Worship the Mayor
and Members of City Council

Re: Bylaw #2017-6, Official Community Plan Amendment 16-OP-02, Proposed Bylaw
Amendment 16-Z-17

I would like to ask the members of Council the question: "Do you feel confident that you can make an informed decision on this by-law proposal if the only source of information you have is this document? [provided bylaw #16-Z-17 proposal, in agenda originally as RPC17-4] Or, do you want to know more?"

I feel that I want to know more because I find that this proposal document is lacking the rigor and detail that, for example, the previous two proposals have given [the restaurant and the Harbour Landing development]. There are details about this proposal that I feel have not been included, and that this information will help in the discussion today, details like all the activities, services and programs that Carmichael Outreach would like to run at the proposed location. One of my concerns is that going forward and approving this proposal, as it is, will be perceived as a Carte Blanche stamp of approval.

Now, I know that Carmichael Outreach is not going to run with this and go "We can do whatever we want to, whenever we want to". No. They have a good idea of what they want to do, and I'm wondering if you know what they want to do. Frankly, Carmichael Outreach has a lot on their plate. They are the Swiss Army knife of Humanitarian Services in the city. They do a lot of things for a lot of people.

I noticed this poster at the STC bus station last week. (Figure 1) As you can see, Carmichael Outreach is listed several times under different services. And, you should also know that they do more than this. These are just the acute, emergency services. They have a wide range of services, activities and programs on the go. They are a very busy place. My concern is that I am not sure if the Council, or anyone else, knows what the new Carmichael Outreach would be like at the proposed location, especially if this (the proposal document) is all you can go by. Can the Council list all the "tools in the Swiss Army knife?". Can the Council figure out what a Carmichael Outreach poster would look like for the new proposed location? "Hi, we're Carmichael Outreach, and this is everything we do".

As I said before, Carmichael Outreach is, and will be, a very busy place. Each "tool" is sort-of-like a little "business" of their own. For example, part of Food Security is the Lunch program, which will be sort-of-like a cafeteria. They will also be sort-of-like a medical facility, not only

because of the addictions counselling and needle exchange program, but there is a nurse that comes right now once a week for a mini nurse clinic. There will be new services provided like washing and drying clothes, so it's sort-of-like a Laundromat. And these are just a few examples. It's a little overwhelming to figure out all the sort-of-like things that Carmichael Outreach wants to be.

So I close my presentation with my initial question: Do you feel confident that you can make an informed decision on this proposal, or do you want to know more?

Figure 1 (from website www.uregina.ca/education/assests/docs/pdf/faculty-staff/Regina-Survival-Guide-and-Map-v5.pdf page 2)