

Good evening.

I am here representing the City of Regina downtown residents of the Willoughby condo located on FW Hill Mall – Duncan Building.

It has come to our attention that the city of Regina is discussing the re-installment of the glockenspiel into the Victoria Park square – specifically the north east corner. As residential residents of this area we have concerns over the noise level of the glockenspiel.

According to the community and protective Service report CPS 17-4, the city discussed this with key stakeholders. One important key stakeholder the city did not discuss this was the residents of this area. It is understood we are often overlooked, as our building does not possess prominent signage indicating there is a condo building located on the FW Hill Mall. The other stakeholders mentioned do not live in that area and thus cannot provide the view of residents that may be affected by the noise of the bells.

As discussed with Mr. Stevens – our ward 3 councillor, we understand that there is an increased level of noise with living downtown. We expect that noise to come from vehicle and pedestrian traffic. It seems that the city often neglects the downtown residential residents with authorizing large amounts of noise – such as allowing a DJ company to play music loudly for a period extending greater than 8 hours in the summer of 2016. The glockenspiel was originally installed before the units in our building were turned into condos. The suite owners that have resided there while the glockenspiel was in use have indicated from their memory the noise of the bells was disruptive.

We live in a heritage building and are not against heritage pieces. We greatly respect the history of our city. We are not against the re-installment of the glockenspiel at some place in the city. We request consideration be given to move it to an area that has less residential area, example being Wascana Park. If it must be installed in Victoria park, we request it be moved further away from residential areas. There are a number of condos surrounding Victoria Park. This should be considered in how disruptive the noise level of the bells will be to residents in the area. Another suggestion would be to not have the bells returned to working order if the location cannot be changed.

Thank you for your consideration.