
August 21, 2018

Andrew Stevens
Ward 3 Regina City Councilor
City of Regina
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Regina, SK S4P 3C8

Dear Andrew Stevens:

This letter is in support of the motion for debate at the August 27 city council meeting, calling on council to officially oppose further commercial development in Wascana Park and start a public consultation process on the park's future.

I am a long-time resident of our city, and I am writing to express my concern about the commercial development of Conexus Credit Union and Brandt Industries that is occurring in Wascana Park. These recent developments contradict Regina's Official Community Plan to keep commercial buildings in the downtown core and counter the plan's strategy to improve the quality of life in Regina by creating and protecting recreational environments that promote healthier lifestyles. I often ride my bicycle through Wascana Park for leisure and when going to work to avoid heavy traffic on the city streets of which most don't have any bicycle paths. I enjoy seeing other city residents bicycling, walking, jogging and playing in the park. The commercial development taking place infringes on this beautiful recreational environment that I and my family have enjoyed for so many years. The construction of the Conexus and Brandt buildings in itself will offset the present harmony of the environment along with the increasingly heavier traffic of people working at these buildings when construction is completed.

Another concern I have with this issue is the manner in which the project proposal went public after the Provincial Capital Commission took over control and approvals

were already made for the development. Public should have been included in the decision-making process at the onset and not after the fact.

I have been told by other Regina residents that I am wasting my time preparing this letter because the City of Regina and the Provincial Government are just going to do what they want to do regardless of public input. As much as this appears to be in this and other past cases, I choose to believe that I still have a voice in the political process. Thanks to Lori Bresciani, Bob Hawkins and Andrew Stevens introducing this motion for debate at the Aug. 27 city council meeting, I have an opportunity to express my concerns as I hope other residents do to support our three city councillors in opposing further commercial development of Wascana Park and to improve the process for public input.

Sincerely,

Ron Doorn