



## Prescott Condominium Corporation

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### PRESENTATION TO REGINA CITY COUNCIL – DECEMBER 10, 2018

#### **Re: Condominium Waste Rebate**

Thank you for this opportunity to again speak to Council to request the fair treatment of condominium home owners by reinstating the Condominium Waste Rebate. While I represent residents of Prescott Condominium in east Regina, this matter affects condominium owners throughout the city.

I recently accessed the City of Regina's web page entitled "*Welcome to Regina*". A copy of the page is attached for your reference. Among the "many services" the City says it provides for its citizens is "*recycling and garbage collection*".

Citizens who choose condominium ownership as their preferred form of home ownership pay the same taxes as owners of single detached homes but most do not receive all these services and are forced to pay extra to have their garbage removed. In recognition of this inequity, the City, in 2002, initiated an annual \$40/unit rebate to condos not receiving waste collection services. This continued unchanged for 15 years, when, in 2017, the rebate was discontinued. According to an email from Trevor Black, Manager, Budget & Financial Services, dated April 12, 2017, this was done due to financial pressures for the City as the result of changes to the Provincial Budget. In other words, condominium owners were singled out from other home owners to contribute additional funding over and above the resulting increase in the residential mill rate.

It is clear that the Cond Waste Rebate was removed not because of a lack of merit but rather because the city was reacting to an emerging cash flow problem resulting from changes to provincial funding. While these funding issues have now stabilized, the City continues to defer a return to the fair and equitable treatment of this class of home owners.

In spite of representation to Council during the 2018 budget debate, the members of City Council narrowly voted to turn down a motion to reinstate the rebate. The matter was then referred to the Administration as part of an overall solid waste management review where it remains buried in a totally unrelated discussion.

We are again before you asking for a return to fair and equitable treatment for condominium home owners by reinstating the Condo Waste Rebate. Condominium owners are not asking for special treatment. Rather we believe our taxes purchase a basket of services, as outlined on the City's web pages, and this basket of services includes garbage removal. Until some other system is put in place where all home owners are treated equitably, the Condo Waste Rebate should be reinstated.

Respectfully submitted

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