

Queen Elizabeth II Court

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His Worship Mayor Michael Fougere and Members of City Council,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of the City of Regina to voice my staunch opposition to the Proposed Zoning Bylaw 2019, notably as it affects the Industrial zones within Ward 6.

The Industrial zones have become home to a number of businesses in over the years. Businesses that serve those who choose to live and work in and near the heart of our city. Many of these businesses are locally-owned specialized fitness facilities. Businesses such as: CrossFit Regina, Trench Fitness, Heavy Gym, Adrenaline Strength & Conditioning, Lonsdale Boxing Club, Queen City Martial Arts, Mettle Performance Training Center, Local Barre Fitness, Regina Climbing Centre, Spirit of the Dragon Martial Arts School, Flux School of Human Movement, Siam Kickboxing & Muay Thai, Gymnastics Adventure, 24Fit Training & Conditioning, FLY Fitness & Aerial Arts, Villains Strength & Conditioning, and CrossFit Iron Society, to name a few.

It is my understanding that the Proposed Zoning Bylaw 2019 will result in commercial businesses currently existing in Industrial Areas of Ward 6, operating as fitness facilities, being essentially "kicked out" of the area. While some businesses *may* be able to operate on a grandfathered basis, in reality many will need to re-home whether due to non-negotiable lease renewals or a desire to expand their businesses. Such businesses will have a hard time finding facilities in the commercial areas as the supply of specialized buildings having adequate amount of floor space, ceiling height, and even outdoor running space is simply not available in commercial zones.

These business pay taxes, provide employment, and fill our city with fun, unique, and community-driven facilities upon which the residents of Regina can learn, socialize, and most importantly work to better their own health.

A healthy society is a happy society. A happy society means less crime. As you are aware, Ward 6 is also home to the North Central community, a community that repeatedly appears on the Regina Police Service Community Crime Reports as having the highest and most severe types of crimes in our city. Many of the fitness facilities mentioned above have played an integral role in keeping members of this community off the streets, thanks to their walkable location. Pushing these businesses out of this area will seriously limit access to some of the children and families that need this type of programming the most.

Personally, I have been deeply impacted by frequent attendance to the above businesses, especially CrossFit Regina. The friendships I have made and the health I have found would not have been possible at the big box chains located in the commercial areas of this city. The owners of this gym are also great local role models for all aspiring entrepreneurs in our city.

A safe, happy, healthy, thriving city is the type of city that I want to live in, and the Proposed Zoning Bylaw as stands seeks to jeopardize that for the City of Regina. I urge the Mayor and Council Members to re-visit the Bylaw especially as it stands with Industrial Zone usage.

Thank you,



Presley Gibler