

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to express my concern with the proposed Zoning Bylaw. In this Bylaw it is proposed that Recreational Service Facilities uses are no longer to be permitted in any of the Industrial Zones. There are several recreational businesses currently in the industrial area where this change has significant implications.

I understand the change is for the alignment of the Official Community Master Plan (OCP) which discourages using industrial land for non-industrial uses and encourages Recreational Services Facilities in zones that support complete communities. In terms of industrial growth, Regina is unique in that it has the Global Transpmtation Hub (GTH) along with the various industrial areas within the City to welcome new industries. Finding space for industrial use does not seem to be an issue in our City so there should be no need to change the zoning requirements. The second part of the OCP that applies to this proposed zoning change is to encourage development of complete neighborhoods with a mix of housing, amenities, and services. Although this plan sounds reasonable, it limits the ability of businesses that are targeting niche markets. It's simply not feasible to expect these businesses to operate in various neighborhoods throughout the city.

The current Recreational Service Facilities in the Industrial Zones are unique businesses, for example a CrossFit gym, rock climbing space, or gymnastics club, all of which provide diverse recreational opportunities for City of Regina. These businesses need big open spaces with affordable leases in order to provide the service to their customers. They give citizens of Regina more choice in recreational activities. Removing the ability for these types of facilities to operate in the Industrial Zones does not align with the OCP priority to embrace built heritage and invest in arts, culture, sport and recreation. Approving this bylaw change completely hinders the ability of these business owners to provide critical sport and recreation activities to their customers.

I want to live in a City with various options for sport and recreation, not only for me but for my family and the generations to come. Having a community with various recreational options aligns with the City of Regina's community vision to be *"Canada's most vibrant, inclusive, attractive, sustainable community, where people live in harmony and thrive in opportunity"* as well as the Recreation Master Plan vision which states *"Four season sport and recreation opportunities improve quality of life and make Regina a more vibrant and attractive place to live, work, and visit"*.

The business located currently in the Industrial Zones offer citizens of Regina choice in sport and recreation, not to mention the potential for new facilities or businesses to come in the future. I am urging the City of Regina or City Council to amend the proposed Zoning Bylaw to continue to allow Recreational Service Facilities in the currently allowed Industrial Zones.

Yours Truly ,

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