

Regina City Council – September 30, 2019

My name is **Lyn Goldman**, and I have offered to buy the house known as “the Cook House”. You are undoubtedly wondering why.

When I was a kid, living on the 3300 block of Albert Street, in the third last house from the end of town, the corner of Albert Street and Hill Avenue was where the streetcar stopped, so it was a very familiar corner. In those days, we knew the house on that corner as “the Kramer house”, and its turret made it a fantasy castle for kids. The trees were not overgrown, as they are today, so the front of the house was clearly visible from the street. The house stood as a monument to those who lived here before us and those who built Regina.

So, here we are today, when a member of a much younger generation wants to tear it down, or build onto it because that space seems ideal for multiple units. His generation, I guess, has little need for a memory of an earlier time, or of our forefathers.

I think it’s time that we encourage our young people to value the city’s history. Former city councillors and mayors allowed the destruction of so many of our historic buildings, our old City Hall, our beautiful movie theatres, our monumental McCallum Hill Building, and all those other structures that were not only

interesting architecturally, but historically, as well. Surely, it's time we saved something of our past.

I want to buy the Cook House and restore it as it deserves to be restored, and find a family that appreciates its real worth, to move in and enjoy it. And maybe it will be featured on the Regina Historical Society Walks, so that other Reginans can share in something beautiful from our past.

Thank you for taking the time to recognize the Heritage Value of this property.

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Lyn Goldman