

**MOTION**

April 29, 2020

City Clerk  
City Hall  
Regina, Saskatchewan

Dear Sir:

Re: Public Consultation regarding the CNIB/Brandt Building Proposal

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WHEREAS Wascana Park is treasured by all Regina residents and Saskatchewan citizens;

WHEREAS *The Provincial Capital Commission Act [Act]* [section 7-3 and 7-5] requires that new buildings constructed in Wascana Centre be consistent with the Wascana Centre 2016 Master Plan;

WHEREAS the 2016 Master Plan, which continues under *The Act*, requires public consultation for major amendments to the Plan;

WHEREAS the CNIB/Brandt building proposal constitutes a “significant improvement” to the park and requires a major amendment to the Plan [Master Plan, 2016, p. 116];

WHEREAS the Provincial Auditor has recommended that, “The Commission needs to: Develop written expectations for public consultations for major amendments to the Master Plan.” [2019 Report – Volume 2, p. 67] and that, “the Provincial Capital Commission make public written processes about the timing, nature, and extent of public consultations for amendments to the Wascana Centre Master Plan,” [Provincial Auditor, 2019 Report – Volume 2, p. 71];

WHEREAS the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) has undertaken to its Minister to, “develop a detailed public consultation plan to be posted online, as it relates to Wascana Centre’s Master Plan,” and,

WHEREAS the CNIB, through its Executive-Director, has been quoted in the press as stating that, “we [CNIB] did complete the public consultation piece in 2016” [Interview with Geoff Leo, CBC, <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/cnib-plan-tenants-restaurants-wascana-park-1.5456515>, posted 8 February 2020] and,

WHEREAS the public meeting which took place on 24 August 2016, hosted by the CNIB, did not amount to a “public consultation” as contemplated by the 2016 Master Plan for the following reasons:

- the PCC had put in place no public consultation plan for the conduct of such a meeting,
- the Notice given to the public of such a meeting was deficient in that it did not, “give notice of its [the Authority’s] intention to pass a resolution ... amending ... a

master plan,” as required by law [*Wascana Centre Act*, sections 12.3(1) and 12.3(3)c],

- the Notice given to the public did not state that the building in question would be owned by The Brandt Group of Companies (Brandt) or that Brandt’s intention was planning to lease a large part of the 77,000 square foot building for general office, including commercial or retail, tenants; and

WHEREAS “public feedback helps the proponent [CNIB] and the Commission better understand the aspirations, interests, wishes, and proposals from various stakeholders before making decisions about the proposed major development projects,” [Provincial Auditor, 2019 Report – Volume 2, pp. 69-70];

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that :

1. Regina City Council recommend to the Provincial Capital Commission that it publish a “detailed public consultation plan” as recommended by the Provincial Auditor; and
2. A public consultation process be undertaken in accordance with the said “detailed public consultation plan,” for the complete building, including both the CNIB portion and all other portions of the building, in a timely fashion, such that the feedback from the consultation process can be considered by the PCC Board and its advisors as part of the decision-making process.

Respectfully submitted,



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Councillor – Ward 2



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Councillor – Ward 3