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Femi Adegeye Senior City Planner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department City Planning and Community Development Division, City of Regina

Dear Femi,

Re: Municipal Justice Building – Municipal Heritage Property Designation

Heritage Regina fully supports a Municipal Heritage Property Designation for the Municipal Justice Building at 1654 11th Avenue (1770 Halifax Street). We see the designation of this property as an important element in sustaining our city's heritage for present and future generations.

The Municipal Justice Building was constructed in 1930 and remains a good representation of a simplified Art Deco architectural style. Designed by the Regina architectural firm of Puntin, O'Leary and Coxall, the property retains a number of the structure's original design elements, including its checkerboard masonry, double-hung wood and steel windows, pilasters, Claybank-produced bricks and Manitoba Tyndall stone.

The property is also notable for its long association with the Regina Police Service, its connection to a significant social movement during the Great Depression (On to Ottawa Trek/Regina Riot), and the development of the Heritage neighbourhood (formerly known as Germantown). According to the Statement of Significance,

In its history as the Regina Police Service headquarters from 1931-1978 the Municipal Justice Building was intrinsically connected to the development of Germantown, and the historic streetscape that it helped form in tandem with the Old No. 1 Fire Hall, as well as other historic buildings of a similar era located along 12th Avenue. The Municipal Justice Building was also noted for it historically being the backdrop for the On to Ottawa Trek and the Regina Riot . . . In Regina the On to Ottawa Trek escalated into a Riot at the Market Square, which was located northwest of the Municipal Justice Building.

By protecting the Municipal Justice Building through a heritage designation, we provide a tangible way for members of the public to learn about, and to develop an appreciation for, the

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rich cultural heritage of our city.

On behalf of the Heritage Regina Board of Directors, I am pleased to support a Municipal Heritage Property Designation for the Municipal Justice Building.

Sincerely,

Jackie Schmidt President

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