

Good evening, Mayor and Council,

My name is Jim Elliott.

I have principally two concerns respecting the concept design as proposed.

The concept design before you today does not include the public input.

In the lead up to the development of the concept plan of the proposed stadium, we were told many times, that there would be ample time for input from the public in the design of the stadium, that we weren't just being asked what the seat colour should be. There was going to be meaningful input into the design about what was going to be the community stadium.

So where are those ideas? If this is to be a community stadium, where is the community in the design of this stadium? Or is this just the same as what was originally proposed?

I see nothing in the plans for the stadium other than what was proposed originally.

Where are the comments and input from the public referenced in this report?

Do a few story boards in a few mall visits or a meeting with a few community stakeholders constitute adequate public input in to the design of the stadium that will cost \$278 Million dollars?

The concept design as outlined in this report does not include or discuss some of the current limitations to this design.

The number of planned seats in the concept plan from the beginning is intended to be 33,000 modifiable to 42,000. This might be seen as the upper limit to the number of seats that can be both financially viable yet allowing for some flexibility. Listening to the President of the Saskatchewan Roughriders at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the numbers of around 30,000 was what was seen as enough to generate strong season ticket sales and still enough to allow for the spontaneous spectator.

But I see this concept design as a major limitation for the future of professional football in Regina.

Why this might be considered as a limitation is that the current Mosaic Stadium may have a lower seating level of around 29,000, the upper limit is much higher, 50,909 in 2003 and 52,564 in 1995 as seen in the last two Grey Cups in Regina. 55,438 were in Taylor Field earlier in a 1995 game prior to the Grey Cup in Regina. By following this design, are you limiting the financial viability of hosting another Grey Cup in Regina or making the cost of the tickets out of reach of many more potential customers? Twenty-nine out of the 36 Grey Cups in the past had over 50,000 spectators. Is this design cutting out the chance that the City of Regina will ever host a Grey Cup in the future?

With this design restriction along with the other risks I will mention later for other portions of the plans for this stadium, I still believe this current project should be put on hold while a full up to date complete reassessment of the option to rejuvenate Mosaic Stadium should be completed. I believe it will be seen as more viable and appropriate for the City of Regina and the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Elliott