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March 8, 2021

Re: CR21-35 (PL202000229) Proposed Rezoning 1609 Halifax Street

Mayor Masters and Members of Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to present our proposal to City Council.

My name is James Archibald and my family has been operating local Regina businesses for over forty years.

Before you we have a proposal to rezone our property at 1609 Halifax St. (at the corner of Halifax and South Railway) within the Downtown Business Improvement District, near Saskatchewan Drive a key route in and out of Downtown and within the City Centre intensification Area defined in the OCP.

We are proposing to rezone the property to mixed use commercial zoning (MH) from the current restrictive industrial zoning (IL) that is no longer suitable for this area. This would be consistent with the other lots to the South and East on this block that are presently zoned mixed use commercial (MH).

We appreciate the Administration's assistance in working with us on this proposal and are encouraged that they support it. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the OCP's goal for the City Centre's role to a hub of commercial and residential activity within Regina as noted in the Administration's report.

We have reached out to the Heritage community association and the Downtown Business improvement district and they both support the proposal and share a similar view that it would be a better fit for the area by providing an opportunity for more compatible services. Their letters of support are attached to the report for your reference.

If approved this would allow us to pursue future opportunities to redevelop the property and the opportunity to diversify our own businesses and provide additional space for complimentary local businesses and services that can be of greater benefit to the area.

Thanks again for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions that the members of the Council may have.

Thanks for your consideration,

James Archibald Arch Transco Ltd.