



City of Regina Council

November 24, 2023

Re: RPC23-33 Various Properties -Heritage Inventory Removal

On behalf of Heritage Regina an organization committed to preservation and promotion of our city's rich cultural and historical heritage. We understand and appreciate the importance of designating residential properties that hold significant historical value, and we typically support such designations whenever possible.

However, after careful consideration and examination of the list of properties identified by the city administration, it has come to our attention that some potential heritage properties have undergone significant alterations or sustained damage too extensive to reasonably repair. In light of these circumstances, we express our support for the removal of these properties from the heritage holding bylaw list.

Preserving our heritage is of utmost importance and we acknowledge the need for a balanced approach that considers both the historical value of properties and the feasibility of their restoration. In cases where alterations or damage has occurred beyond reasonable repair it may be in the best interest of the community to reevaluate the designation status of such properties. By supporting the removal of properties that are no longer viable for restoration we believe that the city can allocate resources more effectively towards preserving other valuable heritage assets.

The need to remove properties from the inventory demonstrates the urgency to evaluate the properties remaining on the existing inventory and the need for a long-term plan for the timely, ongoing evaluation of newly identified potential heritage properties. A commitment to this work coupled with our strong heritage policies will ensure that heritage altering renovations and/or degradation of heritage buildings are a thing of the past.

Heritage Regina remains committed to working collaboratively with City Administration and Council and the broader community to ensure the thoughtful and responsible preservation of our cultural heritage we appreciate your dedication to this important cause and trust that the decisions made will serve the best interest of our community's past and future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jackie Schmidt
President
Heritage Regina