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City of Regina  
Development Services Department,  
Current Planning Branch,  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall  
2476 Victoria Avenue,  
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Dear Adefemi,

Re: Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building – Municipal Heritage Designation

Heritage Regina fully supports a Municipal Heritage Designation for the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building at 1938 Dewdney Avenue. We see the designation of this property as a significant element in sustaining our city's heritage for present and future generations.

Constructed in 1912, the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building is one of the oldest warehouse structures still in existence in the Warehouse District. It was designed and built by Storey and Van Egmond, distinguished architects in the city who were well known for their designs of homes for prominent Regina citizens, and of institutions, schools, apartment blocks and businesses. The building's Chicago and Stripped Classic architectural style is representative of warehouse design in Regina during the early years of the twentieth century. The original design elements ("flat roof, vertical lines of the façade, rectangular window pattern and conservative decorative patterns" – Statement of Significance, page 2) are retained in the building, contributing greatly to the character of Dewdney Avenue's historic streetscape.

The City of Regina has long recognized the heritage value of the building, having included it on the Heritage Holding Bylaw List (now Heritage Inventory) since 1989. For many years, the building has also been part of the City's self-guided heritage walking tour of the Warehouse District.

The City's Thematic Framework and Historical Context document identifies the important influence early warehouses—like the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building—had on local economic development and Regina's growth as a major distribution centre. It is interesting to note that an archival photo of the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building is part of the document's section on warehousing. (page 69)

Historic places tell the stories of the people and events that shaped and continue to influence a community. By protecting the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building through a heritage designation, we provide a tangible way for members of the public to learn about and connect with its story and to develop an appreciation for, and a sense of pride in, the rich cultural heritage of the Warehouse District.

On behalf of the Heritage Regina Board of Directors, I am pleased to support a Municipal Heritage Designation for the Cameron & Heap Wholesale Grocery Building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jackie Schmidt  
President