

LATE ITEMS
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS NO. 5-2013

**G1) Remail Art Gallery of Saskatchewan
Amendment to Letter of Understanding
(Files CK.4129-15 and CS. 4130-3)**

- Donna Hay, dated March 17, 2013, submitting comments.

REPORT NO. 4-2013 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**3. Enquiry – Councillor D. Hill (June 22, 2009); and
Various Communications to Council
Traffic Calming Measures – Avenue C North of 33rd Street
(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

- Frank Regier, dated March 15, 2013, requesting to speak regarding the above matter.

**4. Affordable Housing Deconcentration Policy Options
(Files CK. 750-4)**

- Len Usiskin, Manager, Quint Development Corporation, dated March 18, 2013, requesting to speak regarding the above matter.

SPEAKERS LIST

(NOT including Presentations, Hearings or Matters Requiring Public Notice
(*) represents late letter)

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1. **Robert Rudachyk**

2. **Helen Rempel**

3. **Kara Kuemper**

*4. **Frank Regier**

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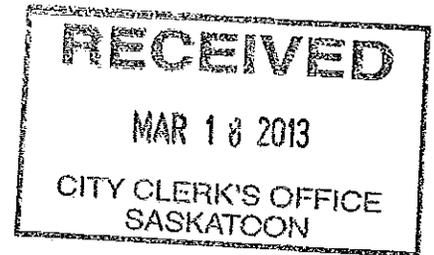
*5. **Len Usiskin**

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

6. **Sue Barrett** - Annual Report - Marr Management Board

4129-13 (G1)

From: CityCouncilWebForm
Sent: March 17, 2013 3:03 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Write a Letter to City Council



TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

Donna Hay
312-109th St.
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EMAIL ADDRESS:

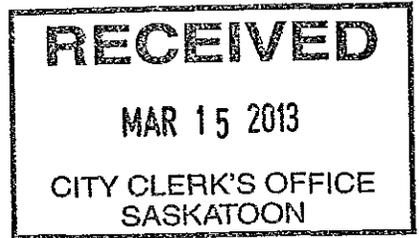
donnahay34@gmail.com

COMMENTS:

Dear Mayor Atchison and members of City Council,
I am writing to you to express my dismay at the inflated costs of the new Remail Art Gallery.
I love my city, and I appreciate all you have done for Saskatoon and will continue to do, but 9.7 million dollars is an increase I find unacceptable.
Please do all you can to lower this amount substantially.
Regards,
Donna Hay

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From: CityCouncilWebForm
Sent: March 15, 2013 10:43 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Write a Letter to City Council



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FROM:

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Saskatchewan
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EMAIL ADDRESS:

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COMMENTS:

i would like to speak to city council re:38thst diverter at the march 18th council meeting thank you

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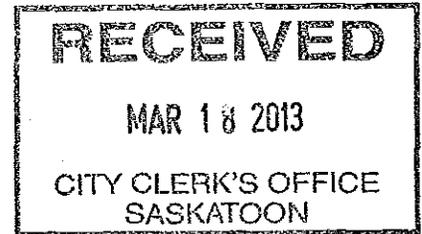
From: lenquintsaskatoon@gmail.com on behalf of Len Usiskin [len@quintsaskatoon.ca]
Sent: March 18, 2013 12:37 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: Quint's input on changes to the City's Proposed Affordable Housing Policy
Attachments: Op Ed response to City's affordable housing policy changes.doc

Dear City Council,

I am requesting to speak to Council on Monday, March 18 regarding the proposed changes to the affordable housing policy that is being brought forward for Council's consideration by the Planning and Operations committee.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Len Usiskin



----- Forwarded message -----

From: Len Usiskin <len@quintsaskatoon.ca>
Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2013 at 12:19 PM
Subject: Quint's input on changes to the City's Proposed Affordable Housing Policy
To: Charlie Clark <charlie.clark@saskatoon.ca>, Pat Lorje <pat.lorje@saskatoon.ca>, darren.hill@saskatoon.ca, ann.iwanchuk@saskatoon.ca, troy.davies@saskatoon.ca, randy.donauer@saskatoon.ca, mairin.loewen@saskatoon.ca, eric.olauson@saskatoon.ca, Tiffany Paulsen <tiffany.paulsen@saskatoon.ca>, zach.jeffries@saskatoon.ca
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Dear City Councillors,

It has come to my attention from the media that the proposed Affordable Housing Policy changes are being discussed by council today. I am submitting my op ed article on this subject that was published in the Star Phoenix for your reference.

I sincerely hope you consider changing this proposed policy that Quint believes is not in the best interests of the core neighbourhoods or the City as a whole.

Sincerely,

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Quint's Response to the City's Housing Policy Changes

By Len Usiskin, Manager
Quint Development Corporation

Quint Development Corporation has been working on community economic development and affordable housing in Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods since 1995. We are deeply concerned with proposed affordable housing policy changes that were brought to city council last Monday. The City is proposing changes that will limit their financial incentives for affordable housing in areas where there is a high concentration of affordable rental housing in order to encourage more housing in other areas where it is lacking.

While we agree with the overall goal of promoting more affordable housing throughout the City as a whole, it is not clear that the proposed policy recommendations will accomplish this goal and instead make affordable rental housing developments in two core neighbourhoods ineligible for funding assistance. Investment in affordable housing is an integral part of our community economic development strategy in the core neighbourhoods and the proposed policies will undermine these efforts by severely restricting investment in two of the most stressed neighbourhoods in the City.

We question the rationale in the proposed policy that assumes if you restrict financial assistance for housing in one area it will result in more affordable housing development in other neighbourhoods. Not only does this penalize Saskatoon's lowest income neighbourhoods but runs counter to countless different plans that have been identified for the core neighbourhoods.

The rationale for the proposed changes is that public financial assistance has resulted in an unhealthy concentration of affordable housing in Pleasant Hill and Riversdale. The City cites lower than average house prices or rental rates, and higher rental to owner occupied ratios than the average for the whole City as evidence to support this. However, these conditions began long before the first dollar of housing subsidy. They are the result of the City's growth patterns, zoning bylaws and housing market investment decisions in the core over the past 50 years. These are the factors that have resulted in an aging and poorly maintained housing stock which is the cause of lower prices and more rentals versus owner occupied housing. What we have is a housing market failure in these neighbourhoods and the remedy needs to be more intervention with significantly more investment in affordable housing and not policies that limit financial assistance for affordable rental housing in these neighbourhoods. The proposed policies will only perpetuate the status quo in the already stressed core area housing market.

We would like to see proposed policies change so that community economic development and housing renewal strategies in core area are not hindered as part of a broader strategy to encourage affordable housing in other parts of Saskatoon. The two should not be mutually exclusive.