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Government of Alberta, Seniors and Housing Division
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John Thomson, Assistant Deputy Minister

On behalf of the City of Fort Saskatchewan, we wish to extend our support for the redevelopment of the former Dr. Turner Lodge site for the purpose of providing new affordable housing.

Redevelopment of this site aligns with our community needs and strategic priorities. Our organization strongly supports an inclusive community, as reflected in our Strategic Plan's principles: *A Welcoming Community* and *A Complete Community*. We are invested in our downtown's redevelopment and consider the vitality of this site of strategic importance. Furthermore, the Capital Region Board Strathcona/Fort Saskatchewan Sub-Region Housing Needs Assessment Report demonstrates a need for additional affordable housing with demand expected to increase with the aging population.

As such, the City supports the redevelopment of this site for a greater purpose. We furthermore encourage the Ministry to entrust the Heartland Housing Foundation with the development and management of this lot. Their proven ability to provide housing for our most vulnerable residents makes them an invaluable partner when it comes to affordable housing.

The City of Fort Saskatchewan appreciates the consideration of our comments and looks forward to our continued collaboration with the Government of Alberta.

Yours truly,

Mayor Gale Katchur

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