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RPC26-12 Jackie Schmidt, Heritage Regina, Regina, SK



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Your Worship and members of Council,

When most people think of heritage buildings, they often picture half-timbered Tudor homes, Victorian mansions, or early brick commercial buildings. These structures are important and deserve protection. However, heritage is not confined to a single architectural style or period in history.

Every generation leaves behind buildings that tell the story of its time. Today, we have an opportunity to recognize that modernist architecture is also part of Regina's heritage.

Around the world, communities celebrate and protect the work of modernist architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and Eero Saarinen. These buildings are valued not simply because they are old, but because they represent innovation, creativity, and a unique vision of how people could live, work, and gather.

Regina has its own architectural treasures. Among the most significant is the work of Clifford Wiens, a visionary architect whose designs received national and international recognition. Clifford Wiens could have pursued a career in larger centres, but he chose to remain in Saskatchewan and create architecture that reflected the landscape, climate, and character of this province.

His buildings are not merely structures; they are works of art. They tell the story of a period when Regina was confident, ambitious, and willing to embrace new ideas. They are every bit as much a part of our cultural identity as the older buildings we have traditionally protected.

But heritage preservation is about more than architecture.

It is an environmental strategy. The greenest building is often the one already standing. Every building we reuse keeps thousands of tonnes of material out of landfills and avoids the significant carbon costs associated with demolition and new construction.

It is an economic strategy. Studies commissioned by cities such as Calgary have demonstrated that heritage buildings create jobs, stimulate private investment, increase property values, attract tourism, and contribute to vibrant, walkable neighbourhoods. Heritage buildings and districts generate what economists call a "heritage premium" and a "heritage halo effect," increasing the value of surrounding properties and supporting local businesses.

It is also a community-building strategy. Heritage creates a sense of place and identity. It connects people to their neighbourhoods, their history, and one another. Communities with strong heritage assets are often more attractive places to live, work, invest, and visit.

If we only protect buildings from one era, we create an incomplete story of our city. Heritage conservation is not about preserving a single architectural style. It is about preserving the full history of Regina—from its earliest settlement to its modern evolution.

Future generations will judge us not only by what we built, but by what we chose to save. Designating significant modernist buildings recognizes that heritage continues to evolve and that architectural excellence deserves protection regardless of the decade in which it was created.

Today, I encourage Council to look beyond traditional definitions of heritage and recognize the importance of preserving Regina's modern architectural legacy. By doing so, we honour the visionaries who shaped our city, strengthen our economy, reduce environmental impacts, and ensure future generations can experience the full richness of Regina's built history.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Jackie Schmidt
President Heritage Regina