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## Audit of Saskatoon's Development Levies

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Standing Policy Committee on Finance  
c/o Chair Ann Iwanchuk  
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Dear members of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance,

On behalf of the NSBA, I am writing in support of the proposal to audit Saskatoon's development levies as presented in item 6.3.1 of the November 5<sup>th</sup> agenda of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. These levies represent a key mechanism used by the City to fund the growth of new neighbourhoods and it is important that a) they are appropriate in amount and scope and b) funds are used on appropriate projects and initiatives.

We share the concern of the Saskatoon and Region Homebuilders' Association that these levies have not been formally reviewed since 1999. In that time, our city has undergone an explosion of new neighbourhood growth and changes to the levy ledger have been done piecemeal. It is certainly time to follow the lead of other municipalities and review the levies we have on the books in a holistic fashion.

As we are unable to participate in the Committee meeting on Monday, we strongly urge the Committee to authorize this audit of the development levies and allow the conversation to move forward on what levies look like in Saskatoon in the future. As always, we are willing and available to answer any questions that the Committee may have as a follow up to this letter.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



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