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City Hosts Affordable Housing Speaker, January 13

Opportunity to learn from City of Saskatoon initiatives

The City of Prince Albert and City Council's Housing Advisory Committee is inviting Land Developers, Contractors, Realtors and interested citizens to attend a presentation on affordable housing initiatives adopted by the City of Saskatoon as part of the City of Saskatoon Housing Business Plan.

Speaker: Daryl Sexsmith, Housing Analyst
Date and Time: 1:00 pm. To 3:00 pm, Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

This information session is an opportunity to learn from the City of Saskatoon on their experiences in adopting unique policies and initiatives aimed at creating a stable supply of affordable housing and entry-level homes in their community.

Daryl Sexsmith, Housing Analyst with the City of Saskatoon will share many new and unique municipal initiatives including:

- Land pre-designation program for rental and entry-level homeownership;
- A new zoning district for entry level and affordable housing;
- The establishment of a new Equity Building housing program;
- Providing disposable city land to affordable housing providers;
- Priority City review (approvals) for affordable housing developments;
- A new Mortgage Flexibilities Support Program;
- Incentives for secondary suites;
- A five-year tax abatement for affordable housing;
- Policy review for garage and garden suites; and
- Support for affordable housing business plans.

"The City of Prince Albert has recently adopted secondary suites as a move towards providing affordable housing. The City of Saskatoon has adopted many initiatives, some of which may be applicable here. There are a number of stakeholders that play a role in developing these opportunities and we want to engage them in sessions such as these," states Rachel Cheke, Planner, City of Prince Albert.

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