

The Future of TCU Place and SaskTel Centre

Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce CEO Darla Lindbjerg responds to Saskatoon Assembly Facilities Building Condition and Location Study

Saskatoon, March 19, 2018 – The Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce is in favour of the proposal presented to City Council today in regards to replacing TCU Place and the conference facilities of SaskTel Center with a new facility in the downtown core.

“In order for our city to remain a contender in the tourism and conference space, it is imperative that we address options to replace the current aging infrastructure that exists in both SaskTel Centre and TCU Place. By focusing on making the decision that is best for our economy, the outcome will in fact be best for our community; it will generate tourism, increase jobs and assist in downtown revitalization, thereby creating an even more vibrant and energized city for it’s residents.” says Darla Lindbjerg, CEO of the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce.

A new facility will ensure that the city maintains its ability to draw sporting, entertainment and conference events to the city. These events are important, as they have historically brought outside revenue to businesses and the city that would otherwise have gone elsewhere.

These events and a facility such as this are also important to helping ensure a high quality of life for the people of Saskatoon. This makes Saskatoon a more attractive city for people to want to remain here or to help them decide to move to the city.

There is also economic benefit in the form of ongoing direct employment for people in Saskatoon as well as benefits to businesses and to employees during the construction phase of the project.

Although the proposal is in its infancy and many pieces must be considered the Chamber feels that TCU Place and Sasktel Center are addressing a need that will provide a long term benefit for the people and businesses of Saskatoon.

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About the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1903, the Chamber represents the interests of over 1,450 businesses in Saskatoon and area, and is the voice of business in our community.

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