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Dear Mayor Sohi and City Councillors,

The Edmonton Heritage Council is supportive of further engagement with the Garneau Community Leagues' (GCL) position on development in Garneau in seeking an amendment to the Scona District Plan.

We note the following:

- The GCL has undertaken a thoughtful and thorough process that recognizes the importance of densification and housing development, balanced with the need for more protection of the neighborhood's character and continuity. We are impressed with the constructive insight and suggestions in this consultation from those who are invested in the community.
- Particularly in heritage resource rich neighborhoods such as Garneau, we believe there
  is merit in site-specific approaches to development that considers the conservation
  and context of existing designated properties (Municipal Historic Resources) and
  properties identified on the Inventory of Historic Resources.
- Given the lack of ongoing work on the Inventory of Historic Resources in all Edmonton neighborhoods, it is important that a targeted neighborhood outreach campaign to owners of historical properties and those listed on the Inventory of Historic Resources raises awareness of opportunities to rehabilitate, designate, and conserve the built heritage of Garneau. This is an approach that Edmonton Heritage Council would support by convening information sessions and sharing related communications.

As was raised by the zoning bylaw change, certain neighborhoods require a more detailed and considered approach to recognize heritage resources and to encourage preservation of key resources that connect and attract people to the neighborhood. Garneau is a preeminent Edmonton neighborhood in this regard.

We also support the desire of the GCL for design requirements of new development to consider and address the heritage context of their neighbourhood, including incentives to incorporate reuse and adaptation of buildings that are still within their usable life. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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