From: Pete Thompson

To: *CI-StPaul Contact-Council

Subject: Please Reject Skyway Closure

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 6:14:32 AM

Dear Council Members—

Regarding **RES-PH 21-118:**

As owners of a home at River Park Lofts, we are surprised, disappointed, and outraged to see the note about the potential closure of our adjacent skyway.

A three-year closure is quite excessive for residents who value the skyway (property value and otherwise— including hardships to the elderly and less physically able). It also would appear to be a crippling blow for any commercial ventures that do business on the skyway or count on it for easy access to Lowertown businesses and activities—especially given the hardships already created by the lingering pandemic.

Finally, it's simply unjust and somewhat selfish for a single private entity to impose such a detrimental burden on the larger group of residents and businesses— with all the benefits going to the private entity.

Please register our disapproval of the closure, and join us in rejecting the proposal.

Best regards,

Pete & Carolyn Thompson Residents, River Park Lofts