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Darlene Brander, Chair
Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners
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Dear Darlene Brander:

Thank you for your letter dated October 18, 2019 requesting support for the supervised consumption site in Saskatoon.

In 1998, the Municipal Police Grant program began to provide funding to municipalities for police positions. This investment is intended to support provincial priorities such as combatting gang violence, domestic violence, and drug trafficking. The program currently provides funding for 128 municipal police officer positions across Saskatchewan and four mental health workers with the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

As you are aware, the City of Saskatoon is primarily responsible for the funding of the Saskatoon Police Service. In 2019, the Government of Saskatchewan provided the Saskatoon police with \$4.91 million in Municipal Police Grants as a part of the city's \$105 million police budget.

We understand that there has been challenges around other supervised consumption sites across western Canada. While we appreciate those challenges, the City of Saskatoon is ultimately responsible for deciding how to best distribute its resources. The provincial government funds areas that are of mutual provincial priority and not strictly a local concern.

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We look forward to continuing to work with the city and the Board of Police Commissioners in areas of shared priority.

Sincerely,



Christine Tell
Minister of Corrections and Policing

cc: Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister of Corrections and Policing
Drew Wilby, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Engagement
Rob Cameron, Executive Director, Policing and Crime Prevention