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February 13, 2020

Secretary, Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

Dear Secretary:

Re: Mildred Kerr - Safe Transportation for III Disabled Riders of Special Needs Transport [File No. CK 7305-1]

The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on November 8, 2019 and January 10, 2020, reviewed a letter, dated September 10, 2019 from Mildred Kerr, referred from the October 7, 2019 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation. This letter was referred to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee for feedback.

During discussion of the matter, the Committee received requests to speak from Mildred Kerr, Frank Peters and Sandra Youngchief. Each of the speakers spoke to their experience either as a rider or caregiver, utilizing the Access Transit services. The Committee also heard from the Administration as to the steps they have undertaken to become informed and hold discussions with agencies. Each year there has been an increase in life sustaining therapy patients thus creating a higher need for Access Transit Services.

Further to discussion the Committee supported the direction that Access Transit is taking and requests that focus be placed on developing more partnerships to increase the accessible capacity.

The Committee resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, supporting the Administration's current efforts and request that focus be placed on developing more partnerships to increase the accessible capacity.

The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the recommendation be considered by the Standing Policy Committee on the Transportation.

Yours truly,

Bill Lehne, Chair

Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee

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cc: General Manager, Transportation and Construction Department

Director of Saskatoon Transit, Transportation and Construction Department

Access Transit Manager, Transportation and Construction Department