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Subject Support for the Saweyihtotan Project

Meeting (if known) April 12th SPC meeting on Planning Development and Community Services

Comments

Good morning,

Please accept the attached correspondence sent on behalf of the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce in support of the Saweyihtotan Project.

Kind Regards

Attachments

[2021 city council support for the saweyihtotan project.pdf](#)

April 12, 2021

SPC on Planning, Development and Community Services
Saskatoon City Council
222 Third Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Re: Support for the Saweyihtotan Project

Dear Councillors,

The Chamber is proud to add its voice of congratulations and support for the Saweyihtotan pilot project that has been led by the Saskatoon Tribal Council in partnership with the City of Saskatoon and Province of Saskatchewan. Convened under the leadership of Mayor Clark, this multi-level partnership has provided logistical and financial support to ensure street outreach services, culturally sensitive case management and wraparound support reach many of Saskatoon's most vulnerable residents.

Over the past several years, through a consultative process, crime and safety concerns have been identified as a priority for our membership. The Saweyihtotan pilot project addresses many of the root causes that lead to incidences of crime, including poverty, homelessness and mental illness. Regrettably, a disproportionate number of vulnerable people in Saskatoon's downtown are Indigenous without the capacity or cultural supports they need to address the challenges in their lives. The Saweyihtotan delivery model is designed "For Indigenous, By Indigenous" with an emphasis on providing services that are culturally safe, supportive and include aspects of spiritual guidance.

Although the program has only been in effect for a short time, the collaboration between the City of Saskatoon, Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Tribal Council has led to some promising outcomes. Between November 2020 and early February 2021, Saweyihtotan Mobile Services (SMS) reported 477 interactions with individuals with 69 interactions resulting in housing and five categorized as long-term. Given the outcomes achieved thus far – and the unique collaborative approach that has contributed to its success – we urge you to consider extending the City's participation in the pilot project to assess its effectiveness over a longer term and help the program reach its full potential.

Sincerely,



Jason Aebig
CEO

Cc: Tribal Chief Mark Arcand, Saskatoon Tribal Council
Hon. Lori Carr, Minister of Social Services
Hon. Christine Tell, Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety