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Hi Jo,

Here is the version that Chris Kelln gave permission to have included in the next board public agenda.

Thank you,  
Brent

I applaud your efforts at making downtown safer and I sincerely hope that the projects announced over the last year or two succeed. I have had the good fortune of traveling to cities around the world for work and I can confidently state that there are few downtown BDC's that feel as unsafe as Saskatoon. In fact, I can think of only two from my travels - downtown Pretoria in South Africa and Guadalajara, Mexico. I appreciate that a person must exercise caution in travelling to any city, but not once in my travels to the U.K., Europe, China, U.S., Australia, and New Zealand would I be concerned about walking around a BDC in the middle of the day. In contrast, Saskatoon concerns me deeply. My wife and daughter were nearly spit-on standing in front of Lululemon, while a family friend was physically assaulted by an intoxicated individual this past weekend.

Again, I sincerely hope you succeed.

Regards,  
Chris Kelln

On Jun 24, 2021, at 11:59 AM, Jo Custead  
<[jcustead@saskatoonpolicecommission.com](mailto:jcustead@saskatoonpolicecommission.com)> wrote:

Brent,  
I am going to suggest that this letter be added to the August Board Meeting agenda if that is okay with you.