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Mayor Clark and members of City Council:

The City of Saskatoon's partnership in the Saweyihtotan project has been instrumental in the deliverables and mid project outcomes identified in the Saweyihtotan Mid Project Report. The Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC) have agreed to extend the Saweyihtotân pilot project and have requested matched funds be supported from within the community. Building on its initial contribution of \$100,000, the Provincial Government will provide STC with an additional \$350,000 to contribute to a overall \$700 000 annual budget for a year long extension of the project and co-development of a longer term housing related proposal that is informed by the current project and community collaboration.

We recognize and respect, it is not the sole responsibility of any one of the partners in this process to resource the work. The integrated system and government approach to this project as contributed to the level of success achieved during the short time frame of the project. The Saskatoon Tribal Council is requesting a extension of the City of Saskatoon partnership to further support the jointly resourced Saweyihtotan project's delivery of an effective, efficient comprehensive and coordinated response to the housing and downtown safety issues identified in initial stages of the project. There is an immediate need to secure funding for the project to operate between April 2021 to March 31, 2022. Saskatoon Tribal Council and partners are requesting a continued contribution from the City of Saskatoon for \$100 000 prior to September 2021. These dollars will be crucial in determining the next steps of the Saweyihtotan project's impact in the City of Saskatoon. The city dollars will support:

- the extension of Saweyihtotan staff contracts,
- collaboration of the multi sector steering to reduce system barriers and address gaps,
- increase the data set to make informed decisions
- continue capacity building to address issues related to Downtown Safety,
- the relationships with community partners and businesses,
- inform a collaborative long term proposal related to Housing and Downtown Safety.

Partners of the Saweyihtotân pilot project thus far include the Ministry of Social Services, Ministry of Justice, Saskatchewan Health Authority, City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Police Services, Saskatoon Fire and Protection Services, and a number of community-based organizations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tribal Chief Mark Arcand
 Saskatoon Tribal Council