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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Temporary Shelter -Saskatoon Tribal Council proposal

Meeting (if known) Planning Development and Community Services Committee

Comments

Planning Development and Community Services Committee:

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the Dec 8th meeting due to a previously scheduled meeting but nonetheless wanted to provide input to the discussion.

There is urgent need for change, to provide a safe Saskatoon city centre. For the past couple of years, I have been a very vocal advocate for that need for change.

We have heard from many residential and commercial tenants who have stated that they will not remain downtown if these safety issues are not solved.

The recent announcement of \$7.5 million to create an estimated 32 new affordable homes for individuals and families in Saskatoon through the expanded Rapid Housing Initiative is an important step towards creating that required change.

There is, however, much more to be done to maintain the vibrant downtown that Saskatoon had become known for.

Providing safe shelter and assistance programs as the winter starts closing in, and we continue to deal with the pandemic, has proven to be a huge challenge. Having played a part in the search for a temporary shelter, I can attest to

the difficulty in locating a viable building. Due to the significant drop in warehouse vacancy and the reluctance for property owners to agree to the use, we were unsuccessful finding a building outside of the core area.

I support the proposed 1st Ave location because: we either accept this difficult decision or the homeless will be left with no winter shelter; it will run no longer than April 2022.

A long-term solution is going to require city, provincial and heroic, local philanthropic participation.

Sincerely,
Barry Stuart*

*The contents of this email represents my personal opinion only. The Partners and staff of ICR Commercial Real Estate have not endorsed this personal view.

Attachments

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No