

# Appendix 1 Request for Extension April 2022



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### RE: Temporary Emergency Residential Shelter – Request for Extension

On behalf of the Saskatoon Tribal Council, the following letter is a formal request to the City of Saskatoon to extend the Temporary Emergency Shelter location, otherwise identified as STC Emergency Wellness Centre, at the current site:

*Legal Description(s): Lot 2, Block 163, Plan No. 73S26357*

*Civic Address(es): 1451 1st Ave N*

STC Emergency Wellness Centre's initial occupancy date of December 7, 2021, was to end on April 30, 2022. The Saskatoon Tribal Council is requesting an extension of up to one year at the current location from May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023.

The STC Wellness Center opened on December 15, 2022, with 50 beds and was quickly required to extend to 55 beds deeming the site full and overcapacity but within code allowances. On February 16, 2022, STC requested the second floor of the current facility to support an additional 20 beds and program space; each day/night, the STC Emergency Wellness Centre is packed at a 105% capacity. In addition, an average of 30 to 40 relatives are turned away daily due to full occupancy of the site.

The Emergency Wellness Centre provided services through partnerships such as:

- Saskatchewan Health Authority
- Possibilities Recovery – Mental Health and Addictions
- In-Kind Services from the Saskatoon Tribal Council
  - Employment and Training Services
  - Jordan's Principle Advocate
  - CISM Team– Critical Incident Stress Management
  - Elder Supports/Facilitators
  - Sawēyihotān Mobile Outreach
  - Saskatoon Tribal Council Nations – Outreach
- Social Services Staff in-house (currently in discussions)

Kinistin

Mistawasis

Muskeg Lake

Muskoday

One Arrow

Whitecap Dakota

Yellow Quill

Saskatoon Tribal Council is currently working on a business plan to support a permanent location and funding model to support the ongoing operations of the STC Emergency Wellness Centre. Through this process and planning, a transition plan will be completed to transition relatives appropriately to accessible housing, communities of origin, and the new location of permanency once the site is confirmed. We recognize the need to support our' relatives' integrated housing, wellness programs, and well-being service delivery to ensure a supported pathway toward the independence continuum.

There is a dire need for affordable housing within the City of Saskatoon and throughout the Province. So many of our vulnerable relatives end up displaced due to life choices, social policy, and lack of affordable housing. The Saskatoon Tribal Council continues to do its best to support the growing homeless population to reduce potential squatters, tent city developments, and other harmful and dangerous street living.

The Saskatoon Tribal Council is committed to ensuring that accountability and transparency continues as we have done since opening, to provide partnership updates and information about the STC Emergency Wellness to all our partners, including the City of Saskatoon.

We appreciate your continued commitment and understanding in supporting the most vulnerable relatives of our city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the Tribal Chief.

Tribal Chief Mark Arcand

cc: Shantelle Watson, Chief Executive Officer  
Doug Porter, Chief Operating Officer  
Hollis Zhang, Chief Financial Officer  
Jolon Lafond, Director – White Buffalo Youth Lodge