
Subject: Saskatoon Tribal Council Wellness Centre Extension Request for 145-1st Avenue North

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Message:

As a resident of downtown I am concerned about the city creating a haven for the homeless while disregarding the purpose of a city centre that should be a vibrant core for all citizens to come to recreate, shop, eat, work and live in safety and security. That is currently not the case as we witness increasing intrusions to our building, my home, from street people.

Solving the homeless situation in Saskatoon is a huge issue that most definitely needs to be addressed. The 1st Avenue Centre was a crucial stop gap during this past brutal winter. I am not denying the need for shelter.

But I do not agree that this second emergency temporary shelter, established for the cold winter, should be granted an extension. If it is, how long should that extension be for? Another year.....or another 6 weeks to June 15th and with a public accountability month by month showing progress to be moved 'outside' of the downtown core? Or will this become a permanent second shelter in the downtown of Saskatoon?

This Council needs to address this issue with real concrete plans by working with agencies like the Tribal Council to provide the homeless with shelter outside the downtown core. It is imperative that Council realize it has a dying downtown core with an increasing vagrancy population and safety concerns, in part attributed to, the Lighthouse, Government Services placement, City Transit location, to mention a few, amongst others.

By granting a extension to the Wellness Centre on 1st Avenue you

are only delaying a real solution to a serious need. If not you, then who and when will this issue get resolved. The homeless deserve to have shelter and the citizens of Saskatoon, and those who work and live downtown in particular, deserve safety.

My family and friends wonder why I live downtown. I reply "why would I not"? Saskatoon is a beautiful city. And they reply not downtown it isn't. They have been accosted at parking stations, yelled and sworn at by roaming street people, and basically become afraid to come downtown. That attitude spreads and makes downtown not a welcoming area. Is this the image Saskatoon City Council wants to portray?

Please do not allow the extension for the Wellness Centre but instead work to find a permanent solution for proper shelter outside the downtown core.

Attachment:

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