

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

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Street Activity Steering Subcommittee City of Saskatoon

Dear Committee Member,

The Community Support Program is in its tenth year of conducting foot patrols on the streets of Saskatoon's Downtown, Broadway, and Riversdale Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). In 2020, on the recommendation of Saskatoon Police Services (SPS) Bike Patrol Sergeants, and the full support of senior Saskatoon Police administration, we implemented a bike patrol team to aid in our patrols. It has been a great success. Our Community Support officers are certified by SPS instructors in the Law Enforcement Bike (LEBA) course.

Today I am attaching a copy of our annual report for 2021 highlighting our yearly results and annual trends. It is my hope that you will review the summary and feel free to contact me for clarification or more information on the data provided.

One interesting trend you may notice is that for the first time in our ten years of operation, outreach calls have surpassed any other call type. This result fits with what Community Support officers identified as a trend early in 2021 with many people sleeping and camping on city streets and properties. Community Support officers have a unique perspective and bird's eye view on the activities that affect the city centre districts of Saskatoon. It was interesting to observe and work with many other agencies and service providers as they too identified this trend that became a significant issue for Saskatoon in 2021.

Our program phone number is 306-382-6935 and I can be emailed at supervisor@cspsaskatoon.ca.

Regards,

Robert Garrison Supervisor