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Date: Monday, November 14, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Province: Saskatchewan

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Unhoused People's Initiative

Subject: Unhoused People in Saskatoon

Meeting (if known): Nov 18, 2022

Comments:

For the attention of the mayor and all City Councillors

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• Letter to City Council Nov 13 2022.docx14.81 KB

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Nov 13, 2022

Dear City Council,

My name is Claire Card and I been a resident of Saskatoon for over 3 decades.

I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned about the wellbeing of the number of unhoused people in the city. The number of unhoused people including children in Saskatoon, is at an all-time high.

Saskatchewan has the lowest minimum wage in Canada. The changes to the Provincial income support programs and the replacement program called SIS has resulted in much higher rate of evictions and misery. This has created a crisis.

In the upcoming budget I am asking City Council to support the "Funding for the Attainable Housing Program and Innovative Housing Incentives, along with development of a Housing Strategy that suits the current needs.

Currently *there is an urgent need for intervention* to prevent suffering, and stress of the unhoused people. The human and financial costs due to severe cold exposure are much high than the steps to prevent them.

I am asking City Council to:

- 1. Work with partners and help fund Community Wellness patrols for those at risk
- 2. Open three 24 hour barrier free warming centres by extending the hours of facilities providing similar services
- 3. Consider the social mpact of the new arena and develop a plan to fill gaps that will include rather than exclude all residents of our city in the new facility
- 4. Lead the Development of a municipal, provincial, federal partnership and strategy to end the unhoused people crisis.

Thank you,

Claire Card 9th Ave N, Stoon Sk