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Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject: Funding for the Attainable Housing Program and Innovative Housing Incentives

Meeting (if known): Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review

Comments:
The letter is regarding the urgency of support for funding of attainable housing, and for further investment in sustainable solutions to address extreme poverty and peril.

Attachments:

- [Funding for Attainable Housing.pdf](#)135.04 KB

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

17 November 2022

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

As a community member living in Saskatoon I am writing to voice **my support for specific and urgent recommendations considered during the budget meeting** starting on November 28, 2022. These are recommendations directed toward saving lives and improving the quality of life in the city. I believe that investing in sustainable solutions for attainable housing is urgent and that it is in your and our capacity to do this. **The recommendations coming to the budget meeting include**:

1) A new mill rate contribution of $100,000 and a capital contribution of $300,000 toward the Saskatoon Attainable Housing Program.

2) A new capital project of $245,000 for the preparation of the new Housing Strategy.

3) That the Administration bring forward funding source options at the time this matter is at Budget deliberations.

I support these recommendations because without making this investment, we are further impoverishing the city, and more significantly we are risking the lives of community members in an immediate way. I also support these recommendations because Saskatoon can show leadership as a city that prioritizes care for all of its people.

Recently a community member died a tragic, isolated death in the freezing cold outside near 20th Street West. Their life and their death then became public news only because of a lack of community care. It is shameful that we do not provide adequate infrastructure to help people who need a source of warmth overnight. It is shameful that a person's life becomes headline news in such circumstances. **Circumstances we can act to prevent.**

As you know there are of course **many actions that can be taken immediately, along with these investments in funding for long term solutions**. Regina has a **city bus** that people can warm up in from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and I hope that Saskatoon can provide a similar stop-gap measure until more sustainable solutions are in place.

Please accept these recommendations and commit to further work to secure sustainable and affordable housing for every person within Saskatoon. I trust that you will take seriously the community support for such initiatives, support that is expressed through organizations and individuals in contact with you about this. I trust also that you will know, as we all do, that **there are too many who would draw your attention to the possibility of these solutions also but are too focused on surviving the cold each day.**

Thank you for your service in care of this community.

Sincerely,

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