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Subject: FW: Email - Request to Speak - Caitlin Stickney - Housing and Community Support - CK 750-4

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Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Caitlin

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Subject: Housing and Community Support

Comments:

Hello,

*I am requesting to speak on these topics at the budget meeting on Nov 28 in person.

I am writing you to express concern with safety in our city. The issues with people experiencing homelessness have increased dramatically over the last few years, and the response from various levels of government and organizations is inadequate.

Last week a man's body was found outside, a few blocks from my home. A few blocks from a hospital. One block from where a new elementary school is planned to be built. His name is Kevin James Sutherland, his family is from Saskatoon and James Smith Cree Nation, and he would almost certainly still be alive if we had more housing

options, shelter spaces and centrally located 24 hour emergency warm-up facilities.

This was a preventable death. While I understand that emergency housing is not the primary responsibility of the city, we all have a responsibility to act in any way we can.

It has come to my attention that the City of Saskatoon has fallen behind on funding levels for attainable housing and for other resources used to help those experiencing homelessness. Due to this lack of funding, it is my understanding that the following recommendations are being considered during the budget meeting starting on November 28, 2022:

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

While these budget items should be approved, this will not be enough to address the immediate needs of people in our community. I urge you to look at what action city council can take to force government and businesses to work together to address these needs, and provide a clear path forward so that we are not seeing these tragedies year after year. I have and will continue raise these concerns with other levels of government and local organizations and businesses as well.

I hope you will look bravely at what you as a community member are willing to do, and how you can work as a council to be a positive force in caring for and protecting ALL of our community members.

Sincerely,
Caitlin

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