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Date: Thursday, November 24, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Province: Saskatchewan

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Meeting (if known): CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET November 28, 29 and 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Comments:

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

Sometimes it seems like there are no ways forward, but we must forge them anyway. Many people in our city are doing the hard work of finding and showing the ways that funding could be redirected to do some very basic things to keep people safe and alive. When people are freezing to death while buildings sit heated but empty, when people have to choose between being sheltered and being fed, we have to forge an urgent path towards safety and basic humanity. With these things in mind, I am writing to ask you to accept the considerations put forward for Funding for the Attainable Housing Program and Innovative Housing Incentives.

Some further thoughts:

In Regina, they have created a 24-hour bus for unhoused people to sit in to stay warm. This is a bare minimum expense and a bare minimum gesture. It would cost next to nothing compared to, say, the increased funding to the police budget. Why can we not have burning barrels in our city? Why do we allow hostile architecture that keeps people from finding a safe and warm place to lay down? Why can we not have heated bus shelters? Why can't a comparatively extremely small portion of the City's budget (\$300,000) be put toward the Saskatoon Attainable Housing Program? Why, when we know that they do not create safety for all citizens, do we continue to increase funding to the police at the expense of basic programs to help people in dire need?

There are many organizations and people who are eager to help figure out a way to cover the gaps that are central to the systemic issues that leave people without safe shelter. I hope that City Council can work with these groups and tap into their hard work and expertise, through meetings, funding, and direct action.

Also, I want to finally ask why it is required that a person have an address in order to communicate in writing to their elected representatives? Is this not an easily removable barrier to access for people who do not have secure housing?

Thank you for your time,

Letch Kinloch

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