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Date: Monday, December 05, 2022

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject: 7.1.4 Saskatoon Extreme Cold Weather Emergency Response Plan

Meeting (if known): SPC ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, December 06, 2022

Comments:

Please see the attached document for my questions and comments.
Thank you.

Attachments:

- [2022-12-06 Saskatoon Extreme Cold Weather Emergency Response Plan.pdf](#) 105.46 KB

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

This Emergency Response Plan falls short of protecting our most vulnerable.

- Why was the Saskatoon EMO selected to lead the Cold Weather Strategy? This Plan lacks the detail of the SHIP-lead Plan ([Saskatoon Fire Department's response to unsafe outdoor living locations, joint information center, list of transportation providers](#)).
- Why has the threshold criteria for the activation levels not been revised to a higher temperature? What would be the implication of following Edmonton's lead and using -20 as the threshold?
- Why are City Leisure Centres not promoted as warm-up locations?
- Why is a Transit bus not being used overnight, like in Regina, since the downtown emergency overnight shelter has closed?

Some additional information for the Municipal Scan of Cold Weather Response

City of Edmonton

(https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/emergency_preparedness/extreme-weather)

- The threshold for activating the City of Edmonton's extreme weather response is a temperature of -20 degrees Celsius with wind chill for at least three consecutive nights and shelter utilization rates of more than 90 percent.
- Edmonton Transit Service is providing dedicated overnight transportation on three routes between 10 pm and 6 am to transport people to shelters with capacity.
- All Edmonton Public Library locations and recreation facilities will be open to the public for warming purposes during regular operating hours.

City of Regina

- City Hall and City Recreation Facilities are listed as drop-in spaces during business hours (<https://www.regina.ca/export/sites/Regina.ca/home-property/safety-emergencies/.galleries/pdfs/Warming-Spaces-and-Services.pdf>)
- The City of Regina has made an overnight warming bus available to people experiencing homelessness. The bus is available from 8:15 p.m. to 7:45 a.m., seven nights a week. A bus operator and security person are on the bus each night to maintain a safe space for everyone. (<https://www.regina.ca/news/Regina-Transit-Overnight-Warming-Bus-Now-Available-to-Residents-Experiencing-Homelessness-/>)

City of Winnipeg

- At the active and urgent response stages, increase hours/access at City facilities to provide space as required (<https://endhomelessnesswinnipeg.ca/wp-content/uploads/WINTER-WEATHER-RESPONSE-plan-final.pdf#page=8>)
- There are 9 overnight emergency shelters, with a capacity of 600 (<https://endhomelessnesswinnipeg.ca/wp-content/uploads/WINTER-WEATHER-RESPONSE-plan-final.pdf#page=11>)