
Subject: 6.1.1 Email - Request to Speak - Alexandar Edmunds - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Saturday, March 4, 2023 - 15:30

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Alexander

Last Name: Edmunds

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Ed-munn-ds

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Eastview

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): N/A

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: March 8th

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1 Facility Change Room Safety

Comments:

I want to express my support for the Shaw Centre's policy allowing people to choose the changing room that aligns with their gender identity. The current Shaw Centre change room policy aligns with The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Specifically, the 2017 amendment to include gender identity and expression in Section 15, the Equality Rights section of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Some speakers today (March 8th) want to protest the Shaw Center's inclusive policy; this protest is transphobic and contradicts The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I have seen news coverage by The StarPhoenix and The Western Standard News claiming that the transphobic protest of the Shaw Centre is in response to an anonymous post on Facebook. The anonymous post in a Facebook mother's group claims that a trans woman, described in transphobic terms by both media outlets as a "man that identifies as a woman," used a woman's change room, which distressed the anonymous mother. The complainant has not been identified, and the inciting incident is merely alleged.

I learned that Ward 3 Councillor Kirkton received threatening phone calls and emails in response to the alleged Shaw Centre incident. These transphobic individuals directed their anger at Counsellor Kirkton because the Shaw Centre is in Ward 3. I am saddened to hear that transphobic people have threatened a city council member. These same people have harassed gender-diverse people, including me. Gender-diverse people and allies have been counter-protesting the transphobic protests at the Shaw Centre. We will continue to support Saskatoon's implementation of policy that aligns with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

I call on The Members of Saskatoon City Council, His Worship Mayor Charlie Clark, Ward 3 Counsellor Mr. Kirkton, and the Shaw Centre to condemn the transphobic protests that contradict the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and have threatened a member of Saskatoon City Council.

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