
Subject: 6.1.1 Email - Request to Speak - Amy-Jo Setka - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: They/them/theirs

First Name: Amy-Jo

Last Name: Setka

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Set-Ka

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Avenue F North

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L [REDACTED]

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):: Saskatoon Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1 Facility Change Room Safety [CK 100-26]

Comments:

hello/tansi. my name is Amy-Jo Setka and I am a "cis" woman who uses the change rooms and bathrooms in Saskatoon city facilities. Id actually like to start by rejecting the framing and imposition of the binary as an act of colonial violence. This is Treaty 6 territory and Cree folks actually have more than 2 gender categories. Many cultures have had different gender expressions and categories for thousands of years. Just like genderdivergent folks and transpeople have been using change rooms and bathrooms for thousands of years.

I am not afraid of other women using the facilities. If one person acted up in the change room and had to be escorted out I would not think that was representative of their ethnic community or their religious affiliation so why would it be associated with whether or not they are gender divergent?

Saskatoon is my city, my home. We definitely need safer washroom facilities. We lack safe, clean, accessible toilets all along Meewasin trail and throughout the city. We have record numbers of unhoused people with nowhere to wash their hands, shower or safely use a toilet. We have no nice self cleaning pay toilets like real cities. We choose, as a city to violate disability and charter rights by making washroom access predicated on purchases in the downtown core.

We lack accessible toilets or even accessible entrances in many many public spaces. As a city we make people with mobility issues unsafe and unwelcome.

When there are no washrooms in many of our outdoor family spaces, like Sutherland Dog Park or Furdale, we make children, people with disabilities requiring safe facilities and pregnant people unsafe and unwelcome.

If Mark Friesen really cared about the people, particularly the women and children of Saskatoon then these are the things he would be concerned about. I'm actually more afraid of Mark Friesen and his political agenda affecting policy in my city than I am of any transpeople or genderdivergent individuals. He is well known to have been a member of a political party full of actual Nazis from the Canadian Nazi Party and other Canadian neo-Nazi groups. The PPC party had many avowed Nazis active in the party and Mark happily sat down and developed policy with them.

His known ties to white supremacist groups make the fact that Mark Friesen and his ilk have been taking pictures of counter protestors at the Shaw center quite terrifying, as this is a tactic to threaten folks with doxxing and to track people they consider targets. The anonymous online threats and horrific comments flooding counter protestors or entertainers in Saskatoon are a reflection of the true beliefs and values Mark Friesen upholds. I don't think my safety or the safety of my community is at the root of Mark Friesen's political agenda. And I don't want him speaking for me.

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