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What agenda ite	m do you wish to comment on ?: Transgender Rights in the washrooms		

#### Comments:

As a woman in the civic centers woman washrooms, I have never once felt uncomfortable in the change rooms. There is far more danger emotionally and mentally for transgender women to use the wrong bathroom for their identity than for them to be in the women washroom. I see more crime happening in the future if this goes through in the male washrooms when transgender ladies are in there. People should be allowed to use the washroom/change room that aligns with their identity because far too many people live under the wrong identity their whole life. Don't make them continue under an incorrect identity.

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Transgender change room rights

#### Comments:

Some are arguing it is unsafe for trans people to be in change rooms corresponding with their gender identity, i.e. trans women in a women's change room. I find this illogical, and it seems unreasonable and fuelled by miss

information. A bad person is a bad person, and they come in all shapes and forms. Any person in a change room, aiming to harm or harass, should face consequences. A trans person, simply using a change room is not harassment or harm. If they are using the change room as it is intended then there should be no problem. Trans women, for example, would use a women's change room as they identify female, and it would be not only uncomfortable for them to use a men's change room as they are not a man nor are they male presenting, which would make it socially awkward; it could also endanger their safety and expose them to bigoted harassment, and violence by outing themselves as Trans in a public space.

By labelling the concept of a trans person in a change room, a health and safety issue it labels and advocates that trans people are sexual predators and violent people as a whole and that in itself is a bigoted and prejudiced message. This message has the same effectiveness as targeting someone for their race or disability. If the issue is genetalia then it still has no weight as not all trans people have the assumed genetalia. Not all trans women for instance have penises. That alone tells you how misinformed this motion to keep trans people out of change rooms is if the argument presented hasn't said enough.

If the worry is people being attracted to other people in change rooms or making sexual advances than sexual orientation of the cisgender people entering the change rooms is also not being considered and shows you the bigoted target that has been placed on trans people alone in this case.

The individual arguing these claims against trans people (Mark Friesen) has shown their fair share of bigotry and uneducated commentary on the LGBTQ Community on their social media platforms primarily being Twitter; Even using slurs like "tranny" to refer to drag queens and queer people.

Mark had also made commentary on and reposted racist remarks and conspiracy on the pandemic and posting sexually inappropriate content himself to a point of social media ban while arguing about predatory behaviour. We are all allowed to vocalize our opinions regardless of ignorance as it's our right to speak freely, however the commentary and notions he pushes are very visibly discriminatory and with targeted intention. Thank you for taking time to read my commentary and I genuinely hope this has helped develop a fair decision.

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

#### Comments:

I stand in support of allowing people to use whichever change room corresponds with their identified gender. To not do so is blatant discrimination against transgender people. Those who claim to that not doing so is for the protection of women and girls are only trying to disguise transphobia. What about the safety of trans women who could be harassed or assaulted for using men's rooms? There is no evidence to support that allowing people to use the change rooms they identify with leads to violence. Trans people simply want to be allowed to change or use the washrooms in peace and in a way that does not trigger their dysphoria. Maintaining signage allowing trans people to use the change room of their choice is the bare minimum this city can do to support its transgender residents.

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Facility Change Room Safety (CK 100-26)

#### Comments:

In regard to the matter of transgender individuals use of change room facilities and their character;

As a cisgender heterosexual male, my heart is full of nothing but support for the transgender individuals in the Saskatoon community and surrounding areas. Imposing restrictions on them in public facilities would be to restrict their fundamental human rights to exist, and only serve to create a further divide between peoples. Throughout all my life, transgender people and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community have been some of the most compassionate, caring, inclusive and safest people I have been around. Their hearts are full of love and care in a world that seems to spite their existence for no good reason. The communities and supports fostered by LGBTQ2S+ people are crucial and so necessary for many members in our communities. I firmly believe and know in my heart that they deserve the same happiness, safety, and access to facilities that every single human being has sinply because we are all human.

I have had the pleasure to have been a support for some of my closest friends that have gone through the transition of one gender to another. And with recent tensions, those people find themselves scared. They find themselves a target of misplaced anger and hatred, and I cannot sit there idly while fear and hatred take over where love should be. I should like to be there today had my schedule allowed it, to speak my mind in person, but this will have to do.

Choose love. Choose to continue upholding the values and human rights every single person deserves. Educate and inspire, and learn from the events of this to make Saskatoon a place for all races, sexualities, genders and backgrounds.

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on **?:** Trans people using facilities associated with their gender identities

# Comments:

Hello, I would like to offer a testimony as a white cis-woman who does fear assault in many situations.

Straightforwardly, I do not fear sharing a bathroom with trans people and other people of diverse gender identities. Many egregious political and social wrongs have been done under the false pretence of protecting vulnerable white women. These wrongs always have more to do with hate and ignorance than protection. The campaign of fear that has risen around the trans issue has deep symmetry with the likes of Anita Bryant who rallied against queer people in the 1980s. We learn nothing. Trans people are not a risk to women and children, they are not perverse, they are not evil. They are as varied as any other group of people. There is no meaningful precedent to justify the fear of trans people sharing bathroom facilities with cis women. Furthermore, to act in response to the possible threat of cis men impersonating trans people to enter a women's washroom is ridiculous. It is a boogeyman folk tale akin to the stranger who sexually assaults you in an alleyway. These stories distract from the reality that the men who assault women are overwhelmingly known to them. In Canada, the recent studies find that 79% of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim. The crisis we are facing with male violence will not be solved through further oppression.

FW: Email - Communication - Danielle Dupuis - Facility Change Room Safety - CK Subject: 100-26 From: Web NoReply <<u>web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca</u>> Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:29 AM To: City Council < <u>City.Council@Saskatoon.ca</u>> Subject: Email - Communication - Danielle Dupuis - Facility Change Room Safety - CK 100-26 --- Replies to this email will go to Submitted on Thursday, March 2, 2023 - 11:29 Submitted by user: Submitted values are: I have read and understand the above statements .: Yes Date: Thursday, March 02, 2023 To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council Pronouns: She/her/hers First Name: Danielle Last Name: Dupuis Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Dah-nee-yell Doo-poo-ee Phone Number : Email: Address: Malta Cres. City: Saskatoon Province: Saskatchewan Postal Code:

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Saskatoon Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development, and Community Services March 8th, 2023. 9:30 am

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Trans Rights

## Comments:

Trans rights are human rights.

Being Trans does not make you harmful in any way. As a woman who has been sexually harassed and even assaulted I know the dangers people can possess.

I am not afraid of Trans people.

Abusers must be stopped no matter who they are, but stopping women from using the bathroom they want to, will not stop Abusers. It has nothing to do with Abusers. Painting any kind of group with so wide a brush is unacceptable. We know that people are people and in any large group you will have people that are problematic.

Deal with those people on an individual basis. It is not the law, that because one man beat his wife, all husbands are forbidden. It is the law, that a man who beats his wife goes to jail.

I implore you to protect the group's rights, and deal with any individual problems as they come up.

If they come up.

Thank you!

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What agenda	item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1

#### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of changerooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the changeroom that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use changerooms in safety.

Subject:FW: Email - Communication - Darrell Reine - Living Skies Regional Council of the United Church -<br/>Facility Change Room Safety - CK 100-26Attachments:City of Saskatoon.pdf

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Living Skies Regional Council of the United Church of Canada

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

# What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1

#### **Comments:** A letter of support

# Attachments:

• <u>City of Saskatoon.pdf</u>408.41 KB



The City of Saskatoon

March 2023

Dear Honourable Mayor and City Councillors:

Thank you for the City of Saskatoon's current inclusive and safety-oriented policies regarding washrooms in the City of Saskatoon's recreational facilities.

The Living Skies Regional council is concerned by the rising number of protests and attacks on drag performers and 2SLGBTQ+ community in Saskatchewan and across Canada. The ongoing protest and counter-protest at the Shaw Centre is of note. There are hateful and dangerous myths circulating around trans and other queer identities, including online and in-person instances of homophobia and transphobia, coming from some extremists and Christian groups in Canada.

The United Church of Canada affirms that gender, gender expression and sexuality are gifts of God, and that all persons are made in the image of God and welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.

As we embrace with love the gender, gender expression and sexual diversity represented in the colours of the rainbow, we reflect on this passage in Isaiah 64: "Yet, O Lord, you are our God, we are your clay, and you are the potter, we are all the works of your hand". The Living Skies Regional Council believes we are all part of God's family and as family, we take care of one another.

We support the current policies for Leisure Centres in the City of Saskatoon which expresses a commitment to practice and promote social inclusion, champion human rights, embrace and celebrate diversity. It supports safety for all.

We collectively wish to express our love for all creation and stand in solidarity with the City of Saskatoon in support of inclusion and human rights, and in opposition to hatred and religious bigotry.

In Peace,

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Darrell Reine Chair Living Skies Regional Council Of the United Church of Canada

CC: Grosvenor Park United Church

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

#### Comments:

Hello, thank you for taking my comment. I understand that there are people speaking today with regards to the rights of transgender, nonbinary and gender non-conforming individuals use of public changing facilities.

Firstly, and most importantly: there is zero credible evidence to support the claim that continuing to let trans people use the facilities that best align with their lived identities has or would result in any increase in harassment or assault of other users of these facilities. However, if the City of Saskatoon were to introduce measures to restrict transgender people from using facilities that align with their genders, it would make these facilities less welcoming and less safe not only for transgender people, but also for cisgender people with less conventional gender presentations.

It is important to be aware of this issue in the context of the current sociopolitical climate. In several US states, legislation restricting access to bathrooms and changing facilities has opened the door to further restrictions on our freedom to access healthcare and to participate in public life altogether.

It should not be lost on us that those in opposition to trans people's freedom to access public facilities by baselessly accusing us of endangering others have simultanously been advocating for their own ability to recklessly endanger their fellow community members at the height of the COVID pandemic, also in the name of "freedom".

Those who rallied the loudest against showing proof of vaccination for COVID now advocate for regulations that would necessitate every person accessing public facilities to show proof of assigned birth sex. Like many other transgender people in Saskatchewan who have undergone the process of a change of legal sex markers, all of my own means of identification represent my lived gender, so I don't like to imagine how Mr. Friesen would suggest confirming whether a user of these facilities is cisgender or transgender.

Any reasonable person would see this rank hypocrisy and understand that Mr. Friesen is not speaking out of genuine concern for the safety of women and children, which, to restate, is not threatened by trans people who use these public facilities, but out of sheer bigotry that should not be humoured or validated by the City of Saskatoon.

Thank you for your time.

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

#### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

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First Name: Emma

Last Name: Bear

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Province: Saskatchewan

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

#### Attachments:

• Letter to City Council.docx50.85 KB

Saskatoon, SK

March 2, 2023

Dear Saskatoon City Council,

My name is Emma and I am a queer woman living in Saskatoon. My girlfriend is a transgender woman, and we have been together for four years. She likes computers, dogs, and french fries. She is a human, not a predator, and she is fearful of her safety everytime she uses a public washroom due to the common misconception that trans women are just men trying to prey on women in public washrooms. There has never been a reported case of a transgender woman assaulting someone in a public washroom; in fact, the opposite is true. According to an American study<sup>1</sup>, 36% of transgender youth report being assaulted in bathrooms. I have completed multiple research papers and searched for evidence of trans women assaulting others in bathrooms and have never found anything<sup>2</sup>.

Accordingly, misinformation and disinformation about transgender women and other gender-diverse individuals is rampant in media and on social platforming sites like Facebook and Twitter. I can understand being fearful of change; the unknown is terrifying, and I am sure that transphobic and trans-fearing individuals feel valid in hating trans people. However, transphobic individuals seem to be crossing the line and harming transgender people. We as humans are adaptable, and accepting transgender people is important when so many people are openly trans. Trans people do not want to hurt anyone, and they just want to be humanized and treated as normal people.

Please understand that transgender individuals just want to be seen as people. There is nothing unnatural about being transgender, and transgender individuals have existed for all of time<sup>3</sup>. Learning more about transgender people and how they are human beings is very easy; and there is no reason to be scared of trans people! As I said previously, my transgender girlfriend is a person, not a predator. She likes the same food you do, the same movies as you, the same music, and she just wants to be accepted for who she is. Warm regards,

Emma Bear

1: <u>https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/transgender-teens-restricted-bathroom-access-sexual-assault/</u>

2: https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fsoc.2021.652777/full

3: <u>https://www.hrc.org/resources/seven-things-about-transgender-people-that-you-didnt-know</u>

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Mark Friesen address to council

# Comments:

I support the protection of rights for trans and gender diverse people in our community, including the right for trans

women to access women's change-rooms without discrimination. There is no acceptable amount of discrimination or segregation that Saskatoon officials should endorse against trans people. Trans women do not decrease my comfort in change rooms, nor have I ever felt they pose a risk to my safety as a cisgendered woman. Trans people simply do not represent an increased level of threat to others. However, policies that segregate them is form of systemic oppression, and does more damage to our community. I would be appalled to see any women segregated based on genital characteristics. Thank you for considering this perspective.

Subject:FW: Email - Communication - Thea Novotny - Facility Change Room Safety - CK 100-26Attachments:Letter\_to\_City\_Council.docx

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

#### Attachments:

• Letter to City Council.docx61.5 KB

Saskatoon, SK

March 2, 2023

Dear Saskatoon City Council,

My name is Thea Novotny, and I am a transgender woman living in Saskatoon. I am 19 years old, and I began identifying as a woman in April 2022. I strongly believe that allowing people to use the bathrooms aligning with their gender identity is beneficial to society. For all of my life I have felt uncomfortable in the men's washrooms, but I feel perfectly fine using public women's washrooms. I don't believe that transgender people want access to their gender's bathrooms for predatory reasons. Entering a space that is labelled specifically for men when you identify as a woman, or vice versa, feels alienating. When I would use the men's washroom, I knew I didn't belong in there. I speak for all trans people in saying that we just want to do the simple act of going to the bathroom or change room and feeling like we belong in there and are safe. Assuming that somebody is a predator just because they are gender diverse is dehumanizing and discriminatory.



Subject:	FW: Email - Communication - Emma Bock - Facility Change Room Safety - CK 100-26
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First Name: E	Emma
Last Name: B	Bock
Email:	
Address:	Herold Rd
City: Saskato	on
Province: Sa	skatchewan
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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

#### What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: March 6th meeting

#### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1

#### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of changerooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the changeroom that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use changerooms in safety.

Subject:	FW: Email - Communication - Bethany Knight - Facility Change Room Safety - CK 100-26
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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

#### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Attempted Restrictions on Trans Individuals

#### Comments:

I am writing to tell City Council that I do not support the implementation of any restrictions on transgender individuals within the city. We do not want to take any further steps back on the small progress we have made towards human rights equality in our city, and cannot let a vocal minority push ignorance on the rest of the population.

Subject:	FW: Email - Communication - Maeve Knudsen - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26
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First Name: Ma	aeve
Last Name: Kn	udsen
Phonetic spell	ing of first and/or last name: May-ve Kuh-nude-sen
Phone Number	r:
Email:	
Address:	Railway Ave
City: Laird	
Province: Sask	katchewan
Postal Code:	
What do you w	vish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30am

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: A. 6.1.1 Facility Change Room Safety [CK 100-26]
Trans people should be able to use the bathroom of their chosen gender. Many of my friends are transgender and I have never felt threatened by them in any way.

# Janzen, Heather

Subject:	FW: Email - Communication - Kala Walton - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26
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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: A. Public agenda Standing policy committee on planning, development and community services: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 9:30 am

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: A. 6.1.1 facility change room safety [ck100-26]

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

I beg you please do not take steps back in history. We need to move forward and not create move divisions in our community.

# Walter, Penny

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Amy Remeshylo - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <<u>web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca</u>>
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:44 AM
To: City Council <<u>City.Council@Saskatoon.ca</u>>
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Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Amy

Last Name: Remeshylo

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Ay-mee Rem-eh-shell-o

Email:

Address: Meadows Blvd

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

I am curious about the incident that started this discussion as an item on the agenda. The only indication of an incident in a change room that I can find in my research is a situation in January of this year (2023) in which a trans woman used the female change room at a swimming pool, and did not cover her genitals while changing and moving around the space. The only coverage of this event is an article written by Post Millenial, a clearly biased and transphobic news outlet. And I ask, why is City Council giving in to a few individuals calling out for the "safety of girls and women" when there was no attack involved? Are people simply not allowed to exist in public spaces? If all that it takes to threaten the safety of girls and woman is to see a penis, then why are young boys in the care of their mothers allowed in the same change rooms the Council is discussing expelling trans women from?

I further would like to share a more personal story. My sibling was, a few years ago, involved in the youth Saskatoon Lacrosse league. As a female-presenting and identifying individual, they were not allowed to change in the boys changeroom before games, in accordance with their gender identity. This is fine and expected. However, the hockey arenas that we visited were not equipped with female change rooms at all, forcing the girls playing the sport to change in washrooms, many of which did not have sufficient locks on the doors and required a parent to stand guard outside. This is not, in my opinion, safety or accommodation for our city's girls either. Spaces need to be made for all gender identities in Saskatoon, and it is important that their right to exist in those spaces is upheld.

Since transitioning from a female identity to a male one, my sibling has quite a fear of having to "choose" a change room. This "choice" is deceiving to cisgender people, who believe that the only choice is where you belong, or else you are a threat. This is not true - people with non-conforming or transgender identities are often stuck between who they see themselves as and how others may see them. Many times, for their own safety and the perceived safety of others, they are required to betray their own identity. A clear example of this is a transgender woman being forced to use a male change room as a result of a City Council policy.

People should be allowed to exist in the spaces they belong in, and their safety guaranteed there. A female lacrosse player should be allowed in the lacrosse arenas because they are a lacrosse player. A trans woman should be allowed in the woman's change room because they are a woman. If a policy that disallows this is passed, transgender individuals will lose rights that they already fought to get, and will further lose the rights to exist in spaces they belong in by identity.

Trans rights are human rights, and transphobia does not belong in any welcoming city. I support the right of individuals to choose where they belong, and to stand proudly in those spaces. I hope you will agree.

# Walter, Penny

Subject:FW: Email - Communication - Alexandra Litster-Paramor - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK100-26

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Alexandra

Last Name: Litster-Paramor

Phone Number :

Address: William Avenue

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** 

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** HUSA (History Undergraduate Student Association - U of S)

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

I am writing on behalf of the HUSA (History Undergraduate Student Association) Student Executive team at the University of Saskatchewan, Arts & Science College.

We support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities.

We support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender.

This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. This policy does reflect on a personal note for myself in particular, my younger brother is transgender, and he has had to struggle through every step of transitioning (especially early on, before he started to pass as male). Our immediate family supports him thoroughly, but it has not always been easy.

# Walter, Penny

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Blair Colwell - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Blair

Last Name: Colwell

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Coal-well

Email:

Address: red deer rd

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: SPC-PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - PUBLIC

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Accommodations for Transgender washrooms

I say this with love of my community, because part of love is shutting down hate when it rears its ugly head, and I believe others from the LGBTQ community are better equipped to defend their rights.

Mark Friesen's political career so far has been one of hate and division, not one of "freedom" like he and his small crew of bigots claim.

Prior to the pandemic Friesen's political activity was narrowly focused on spreading misinformation about Muslim Canadians being a threat to Canadian values. Which is ironically flying in the face of our Canadian values of the freedom of religion.

During the height of the pandemic and even today Friesen denies the reality of Covid-19 and makes claims that the virus is a liberal hoax by a tyrannical government.

Even after contracting the virus himself and being airlifted to Ontario for life saving care on taxpayer dollars; Friesen clings to his delusions that's he's being censored (although no one in their right mind would imagine a tyrannical dictator flying a dissenter 3000kms to save their life.)

Of course now that the pandemic is under better control due to the efforts of the majority of the public who put their trust in our healthcare system, Friesen has no leg left to stand on.

Since his brand of Xenophobia has fallen out of fashion, he once again is turning to the most extreme right views of the United States to guide his failing political career.

This is not the United States.

Mark Friesen should know that since he claims to be a Patriot.

Freedom is a right for all of us, whether he likes it or not.

It's my opinion that any self respecting conservative should be able to recognize that if anyone— gay, transgender, Muslim, cis, straight, Christian, or otherwise —violates the rights of others, they are subject to the same laws as anyone else; but ONLY if, or when that happens.

Mark Friesen does not stand for Freedom while he tries to limit the freedoms of others. He has no business calling himself a patriot while he belittles and wastes the time of our healthcare and legal systems, or city council like he's doing today.

These scare tactics by Friesen are an act of hate and have no basis in reality. They have no place in our city.

# Walter, Penny

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Jasper Skinnider - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Jasper

Last Name: Skinnider

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Jasper SKIN-NEH-DERR

Phone Number :

Address: Carter Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

Addressed to His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council,

My name is Jasper, and I'm a twenty-two year old transgender male who has identified as such since the age of fourteen. I also first began expressing my right to use a washroom and/or change-room that matches my gender identity at age fourteen.

I have never once had a negative experience with being able to use the washroom or change-room that aligns with my gender identity.

I have been using every Male washroom and change-room in this city for the last eight years— and I have never once gotten a complaint, or been told that my presence makes people uncomfortable, or any possibility that my existence in a washroom/change-room could be perceived as predatory in any way.

By allowing transgender people to use the washroom/change-room that aligns with their gender identity, you affirm the belief in human rights and non-discrimination.

Myself and my peers, both cisgender and transgender, support the current policies regarding the use of changerooms at city facilities, and support the rights of transgender people using the washroom/change-room that reflects their gender.

Controversially, there are those who are protesting the rights of transgender people to use the washroom or changeroom that aligns with their gender identity.

These initiatives perpetuate the beliefs that protecting transgender people's access to washrooms and changerooms endangers the safety or privacy of others.

This is simply not true— it is a discrimination based on gender identity.

If there are any transgressions out of having a transgender person existing in a public change-room, it is strictly a matter concerning privacy and safety of children.

In which case, a transgender person existing in a public space alongside children is NOT predatory— and the arguments about washrooms and change-rooms are simply a cloak for prejudice. If the concern is inherently about the safety and privacy of children, the issue is not about transgender people, it is about predators.

There's no validity in the argument that transgenderism and predatory behaviour are connected, they are not at all comparable.

Transgender people's health, safety and well-being is jeopardized when they're forced to use washrooms that don't match their gender identity—

What is really unacceptable is that these fears are being pinned on transgender people who are, in fact, very vulnerable themselves in washrooms and change-rooms.

Transgender people are more likely to be victims, more likely to have a hate-crime committed unto them and more likely to be harassed.

Transgender-inclusive policies are not a safety risk to cisgender people, let alone children, for that matter. We plead City Hall for our voices to be heard— that they don't submit to a loud minority of people who are transgressing one of the most vulnerable minority groups in Saskatoon.

That the city council protects transgender rights, and to remember that transgender rights are human rights.

# Walter, Penny

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From: Web NoReply <<u>web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca</u>> Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:04 PM To: City Council <<u>City.Council@Saskatoon.ca</u>> Subject: Email - Communication - Beth Mikituk - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26 ---- Replies to this email will go to

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Beth

Last Name: Mikituk

Email:

Address: Laval Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

# Janzen, Heather

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Megan Van Buskirk - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Megan

Last Name: Van Buskirk

Email:

Address: Ste. Cecilia Ave.

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: SPC on Planning, Development, and Community Service (March 8)

#### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1

#### **Comments:**

Dear members of the Standing Policy Committee (SPC) on Planning, Development, and Community Service:

Thank you for taking the time to review my comments. I am writing to you today to share my support of the City of

Saskatoon's Gender Inclusive Policy that permits individuals to choose the civic washroom or change room that aligns with their gender identity. Access to washrooms is a basic physical need at the core of human dignity for everyone, and I commend the City of Saskatoon for upholding the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code.

While I am aware of the rumours about predatory behaviour at the Shaw Centre, I refuse to subscribe to the hatefuelled belief that this is a trans issue. Similar "predator" arguments have been used and debunked in the past, and these arguments perpetuate the myth that protecting transgender people's access to washrooms and change rooms endanger the safety of privacy of others. Crisis centres, shelters, and other service providers who work to meet the needs of survivors and reduce sexual assault and domestic violence speak from experience and expertise when they state that these claims are categorically false. In fact, studies show that transgender people are more likely to be victims of verbal harassment and physical assault.

While I have faith that members of the SPC and City Council will continue to share their support of 2SLGBTQIA+ Saskatonians, I find it disturbing that certain individuals are committed to spinning the narrative to support their bigotry. To be clear: as a cis woman, I do not give permission to Mark Friesen or any of his supporters to use my identity as a red herring for their blatant transphobia. Their hate is not mine to bear, nor should it be borne by any trans or gender diverse folks in our community. Instead, I hope we can collectively support and celebrate the beautiful diversity of identities in our community and beyond.

Sincerely yours, Megan Van Buskirk

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jacob Yaworski - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 5:23 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Jacob

Last Name: Yaworski

Email:

Address: Morgan Avenue

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: March 8th, 9:30am

What agenda item do you wish to comment on **?:** SPC-PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - PUBLIC

**Comments:** Dear Members if our City Council, I would like to write in in support of trans individuals and their right to use the preferred bathroom facility of choice. A loud minority in our community are using concerns about "unsafe spaces" as a smokescreen for bigoted and discriminatory beliefs and practices. They would have people believe that allowing trans women into the same bathroom as cis women presents a real danger when there is no data to back it up. The reality is, no statistics exist that present any kind of danger.

Contrary to what some would have us believe, trans individuals are more at risk of sexual assault than of being a perpetrator. One in two trans people will be assaulted in their life. This is fact, based on widely available data. If anything, affording trans people the dignity of using their toilet of choice lowers \*their\* risk of assault. There is no empirical data or presentable evidence that gender neutral bathrooms or allowing trans individuals their restroom of choice increases the danger for cis individuals.

The fact is, a small group of vocal bigots want us to see our fellow human beings and citizens as some kind of big bad wolf. That if you allow people equal rights, they will prey upon you like criminals. When all they want is to go about their day and not have to be stigmatized or dehumanized by bigoted, unenforceable policies.

Thank you for your time.

Jacob Yaworski, Ward 6

# Janzen, Heather

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Sky Stinson- Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Sky

Last Name: Stinson

Email:

Address: Main Street

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Stephanie Siemens - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Siemens

Email:

Address: Main Street

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** 

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: SPC Planning, Development and Community Services

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

#### Comments:

This comment is in support of the current inclusive policy that Saskatoon's public facilities adhere to regarding change rooms and washrooms.

Statements are being made implying that indecent exposure and inappropriate behaviour in public change rooms are a frequent occurrence, and that the group to blame is the trans community. This is blatant scapegoating wrapped in false concern for women and children. These statements are not based on facts, but on fear, ignorance, and transphobia.

I have had experiences with trans people in work, academic, recreational, public, and personal environments, and never have I, as a cisgender woman, ever felt threatened or unsafe. Actually, my experience with the trans community has only ever been welcoming and safe. And so it is deeply concerning to me that people are blaming and defaming the trans community for the (very sparse; has there been a formal complaint made regarding the most recent alleged incident?) inappropriate behaviour of individuals. At best, this attitude is illogical; the trans community is not responsible for the behaviour of individuals, nor a threat to public safety. Trans folks are often the most vulnerable individuals, and the trans community as a whole provides a safe space for queer individuals, which is something we as the public should be thanking them for. At worst, these anti-trans demands are incredibly harmful. They are transphobia in action, and to acquiesce to them encourages public transphobic rhetoric and policies. Additionally, I am concerned about the assumption made in many of the submitted comments for this agenda item, that sexual abuse only exists in the context of biological males against biological females. This is false, and further reveals that those under this false assumption are not truly concerned about the safety of all people. I will not belabour my point by adding identical references to those provided by Grosvenor Park United Church. I will conclude by saying, not only do I support the current gender-affirming policy, but I would encourage this committee to be diligently aware of the power they hold and how it affects the most vulnerable.

# Janzen, Heather

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jennifer Potter - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 7:50 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jennifer Potter - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Friday, March 3, 2023 - 19:50

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Jennifer

Last Name: Potter

Email:

Address: Osler Street

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: a. PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday March 8, 2023, 9:30a.m.

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: a. 6.1.1 Facility Change Room Safety (CK 100-26)

#### **Comments:**

I fully and passionately support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms in City facilities. I absolutely

support the rights of transgender humans to use the change room that reflects their gender. There is a huge amount of empirical evidence refuting the argument that it is a safety issue. Transgender women are women. Transgender men are men. We are all human beings and deserve the right to gain access and use of City facilities without fear of judgement or harassment.

"No one is free until we are all free" - Martin Luther King Thanks for your time, Jennifer Potter

From:	City Council
Subject:	FW: Email - Communication - Ellen Hunks - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 9:24 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Ellen Hunks - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user:

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### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Ellen

Last Name: Hunks

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Kirkpatrick Cres.

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

I am a woman and a parent, and we regularly frequent the civic centers. I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities for both adults and children. I absolutely support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. We have never felt unsafe around people with diverse gender in a change room or otherwise. And I am growing very concerned for the potential privacy and safety violations ALL children and adults may experience if our community starts feeling the need to police others. The dialogue that transgender people are dangerous does nothing to protect the people who are vulnerable, but amplifies the fear and potential for harm towards all people. I hope our city councillors continue to protect our existing policies that ensure all our community members have the ability to use our civic centers.

# Janzen, Heather

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jessica Hoehn - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:11 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jessica Hoehn - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Jessica

Last Name: Hoehn

Email:

Address: Adilman Drive

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Hayley Eaglesham - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 12:08 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Hayley Eaglesham - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user:

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: She/her/hers

First Name: Hayley

Last Name: Eaglesham

### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Eaglesham

Email:

Address: Wilken Crescent WEST, P0 Box

City: Warman

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S0K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

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

I support people changing in their public change room that best suits their gender. Statistically trans people are more likely to be in danger, than being the danger. Trans rights are human rights.

# Janzen, Heather

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Mariah Schnell - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 9:12 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Mariah Schnell - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Mariah

Last Name: Schnell

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: Avenue O South

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. Stand with inclusion, not transphobia.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Brianne Davis - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 11:07 AM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Brianne Davis - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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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

First Name: Brianne

Last Name: Davis

Email:

Address: Dufferin Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

# Janzen, Heather

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Morgan Weigel - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 11:08 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Morgan Weigel - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Morgan

Last Name: Weigel

Email:

Address: Dufferin Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:	City Council
Subject:	FW: Email - Communication - Daniel McCullough - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 12:12 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Daniel McCullough - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Daniel

Last Name: McCullough

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Dan-yel Mick-uh-lah

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 5th Ave N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: a. PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: a. 6.1.1 Facility Change Room Safety [CK 100-26]

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Dana Hupe - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 2:51 PM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Dana Hupe - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Saturday, March 4, 2023 - 14:50

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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#### 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: She/her/hers

First Name: Dana

Last Name: Hupe

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Adams Lane

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

I am at a teacher at a high school in Saskatoon and I am the staff advisor for our GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance). One of the challenging issues that students face is where to change for phys. ed. class. We are working hard as a school and as a division to support all students and allow them to feel safe in who they are in our buildings. I ask that city council support transgender people and their rights. My students deserve to participate at city run facilities without discrimination. Please do not take a step backwards. Please be part of the solution and not the problem.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Malary Cloke - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 3:29 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Malary Cloke - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Saturday, March 4, 2023 - 15:29

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: They/them/theirs

First Name: Malary

Last Name: Cloke

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Greaves Court

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7W

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

Transwomen and transmen are not the problem, transphobia is. As a female person I feel less safe around cisgender men anywhere, in public spaces or private change rooms (I'm sure some perverted cisgender men could sneak into women's change rooms if they really wanted to...yes?) than I ever do around transwomen. Let people use whatever gendered change room that they identify with as this is the truly just thing to do.

In the future my hope is that all locker room areas in pools, gyms, etc will be fully open with with only enclosed individual stalls with locks on the door and no space to undress so NOBODY even thinks twice about changing out in the open change room floor plan. I've seen this before in other cities and believe it is the best way. This also allows single men to look after their daughters (and vice versa). But in the meantime, let's at least provide some gender inclusivity.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jessie Edwards - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 4:21 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jessie Edwards - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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#### 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: She/her/hers

First Name: Jessie

Last Name: Edwards

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: Sears Cove

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

Trans rights are human rights. Our transgender friends have the right to exist without fear of harassment, violence and discrimination simply because they are trans. It is vital that we fight to protect their right to live their lives as their true selves. I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Aj Classen - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 4:23 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Aj Classen - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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#### 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: Aj

Last Name: Classen

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: A-J CLAW-son

Email:

Address: Stechishin Terrace

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: s7k

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender identity. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. Transgender people have a right to exist freely in public and private spaces without danger of harassment or violence.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jessica Harms - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 4:29 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jessica Harms - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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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: She/her/hers

First Name: Jessica

Last Name: Harms

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 5th Avenue N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Calden Hoefs - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 4:55 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Calden Hoefs - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user:

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: Calden

Last Name: Hoefs

Email:

Address: Dickson Cresent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7T

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6. 1.1 Facility Change Room Safety [CK 100-26]

I support the current rights of transgender people to use the facilities they feel is appropriate to them. Please do not take their rights away, I'd hate for people to think Saskatoon is no better than a city in Alberta.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Crystal Aime - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 4:58 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Crystal Aime - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Saturday, March 4, 2023 - 16:58

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: She/her/hers

First Name: Crystal

Last Name: Aime

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Crystal AIM-ee

Email:

Address:

City: Redvers

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S0C

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m

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

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

Transgender people deserve the same rights and freedoms that cis gender individuals enjoy. As a mom of a transgender young adult, my hope is that my child, along with their transgender peers, can go about their day to day lives without prejudice and judgement.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Krista Gabriel - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 4:59 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Krista Gabriel - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

# I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Friday, March 03, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Krista

Last Name: Gabriel

Email:

Address: Cockburn Cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: I think, Planning Development and Community Services Committee

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Leisure Centres change room policy

#### Comments:

Dear Planning Development and Community Services Committee,

I am writing with concern regarding the new change room policy for leisure centres. While a safe place is important for every individual, the current policy is misguided. The ideas of what are and what are not considered sexual

misconduct are increasingly blurred.

"Jesus answered, 'Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female'" (Matthew 19:4,5).

The confusion started long before now.

God's Word says it best;

"For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused " (Romans 1: 20, 21).

The new change room policy is a by-product of the increasingly confused ideas from people who have disregarded God and His teachings.

This is the fundamental root of what is going on with this change room policy.

With Care, Krista

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Bailey Pelletier - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:00 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Bailey Pelletier - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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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: She/her/hers

First Name: Bailey

Last Name: Pelletier

Email:

Address: Pinehouse Place

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. Transgender rights are human rights.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Hannah Wieder - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:19 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Hannah Wieder - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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#### 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: Hannah

Last Name: Wieder

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Wee-duhr

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: lenore drive

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7k

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

# Comments:

#### Greetings,

My name is Hannah and I identify as a non binary, trans and queer person in Saskatoon. I am only 25 years old and living here I honestly feel scared. I consider leaving Saskatoon constantly as anti-protests seem to increase in the place I call my home. I feel I am a productive member of society with a full time job, university degree, many hobbies and volunteering positions. I feel I have a lot to offer Saskatoon but it is hard to do so when I feel my rights are being infringed upon, I feel unwanted and I feel I am being put into a box of being a creep or an outsider when I have never done anything to warrant this. Just because I don't feel I want to identity as feminine doesn't mean I am harassing anyone, or mean harm to anyone. I really find this narrative that is being displayed is very harmful to many queer people as we are just trying to live our lives, and are becoming depressed and thinking of ways to leave our city as Saskatoon no longer feels welcoming and safe. I would like this topic to be deeply considered as it negative effects peoples body image, the perception that society has on queer people, the acceptingness of Saskatoon. This hurts queer kids by allowing them to think they are unwanted or in the "wrong " space. Trans kids already statistically 82% consider committing suicide - do you realize how high 82% is? Allowing people to change or use a bathroom does not allow for negative actions to occur- this is only teaching society their bodies are wrong and should be ashamed. Negative incidences happen no where matter how change rooms are split up, and no matter the gender you identity as- so this has everything to do with being homophobic and nothing to do with the change rooms. Please reconsider. I am young and smart and I don't feel my body should be put into a label when I just want to use the bathroom. Thank you council

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Michael McCoy - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26Attachments:Letter\_to\_City\_Council\_Mar0323-1.docx.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 6:10 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Michael

Last Name: McCoy

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Mike-ell Muh-Coy

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 8th St E

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatoon Diversity Network Inc. dba Saskatoon Pride

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services

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

# Comments:

Please see attached letter for comments

# Attachments:

• Letter to City Council Mar0323-1.docx.pdf516.24 KB



City of Saskatoon

March 3, 2023

Dear Honourable Mayor and City Councillors:

Our organization, Saskatoon Diversity Network, producers of the Saskatoon Pride Festival and Pride-related events throughout the year, thank you for and support the City's current policies concerning safety and inclusiveness in its washrooms and change rooms in civic leisure and recreational facilities.

We are aware that your policies have recently been questioned. Quoting from one of the social media posts of Mark Friesen, one of the group's organizers, suggests that their concerns are that the existing policy "to accommodate transgenders [sic] is creating an unsafe space for women & girls in the change rooms." Perhaps Mr. Friesen, or the group he represents, is able to provide empirical facts that support their case. However, most evidence would support the opposite—that it is the rhetoric and actions of those advocating for more exclusionary policies that are creating a lack of safe space.

There is no evidence in research that points to an increase in assaults of users of binary-segregated washrooms and change facilities when inclusive policies are instituted. Sexual assault remains a criminal offence, though one could ask what is it about a non-inclusionary policy that would make sexual assault less likely to occur? Where is the evidence that shows assaults increase? Are there to be gate-keepers at change room doors and who and how will the determination of gender be made? What assaults and perceived lack of safety is created when transgender individuals are forced by public policy to use gendered public wash/change rooms that do not correspond with their gender identity?

There is no doubt that many of us have privacy issues when using public change rooms. That is the case regardless of gender identity or expression. Over time structural changes have been and continue to be made, where practical, to mitigate our privacy concerns. These changes do not include "othering" those that some of us may be uncomfortable with—which is what a change to the City's current policy would do.

March 3, 2023 Saskatoon Diversity Network Inc.

The evidence is clear that arguments for discontinuing inclusion policies have little to do with safe spaces or sexual assault but they are, by nature, a form of violence in themselves—a way of having the state "other" those who by law have (or in some cases should have) equal rights and access to public facilities. These requests and protests are a sign of the bold strategy by groups motivated by hateful rhetoric to sow distrust and isolation of those with trans and queer identities as one step in their campaign of disinformation and fear. The queer community has a history of persecution at the hands of those who wish to "other" and we depend on our governments to stand firm on the protections that have been so hard-won by those who came before us, in spite of the indignities to which they were subjected.

There is also evidence that the lack of or removal of inclusionary policy around public facilities can have a negative effect on the perception of a municipality's commitment to diversity, equality, and, of course, inclusion. That is often followed by a re-examination by progressive employers and organizations about whether they wish to bring jobs and economic growth to an area with regressive policies—especially when they are recruiting young, educated professionals to their workforces.

Several claims have been made in this letter for which we have not provided citations. You will find those in other presentations and letters to you on this issue. However, we are prepared to also provide them to you if requested.

Thank you for standing firm in maintaining the City's current policies of inclusionary practices.

SASKATOON DIVERSITY NETWORK INC. dba Saskatoon Pride Fantastic Futures 2023 Saskatoon Pride Festival info@saskatoonpride.ca

Michael McCoy (he/him) Board Co-Chair

Graham Pyett (he/him) Board Secretary

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Emma Wintermute - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 6:43 PM
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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Emma

Last Name: Wintermute

# Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Winter-mute

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Brookshire Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7V

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Sam Aulie - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Sam

Last Name: Aulie

Email:

Address: 4th avenue north

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7k

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

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people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kelsey Chabot - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 7:18 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kelsey Chabot - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kelsey

Last Name: Chabot

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Kel-SEE SHA-boh

Email:

Address: Avenue M South

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Public Agenda Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development, and Community Services (Wed March 8, 2023, 9 am)

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

It is VITAL that we continue to protect the rights of our community members to use facilities that align with their gender identity. Trans men are men. Trans women are women. I support their right to use their desired change room without harassment. Community safety includes everyone, and protecting these rights under the current policy is the only way to ensure ALL of our community members feel safe and welcomed.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jordan Cantwell - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26Attachments:letter to City Council March 2023.docx

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 7:30 PM
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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Jordan

Last Name: Cantwell

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: Clarence Ave. South

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): St. Martin's United Church

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

Please see attached letter

# Attachments:

• letter to City Council March 2023.docx14.49 KB

Dear Honourable Mayor and City Councillors:

Thank you for the City of Saskatoon's current inclusive and safety-oriented policies regarding washrooms and changerooms in the City of Saskatoon's recreational facilities.

As Affirming Ministries of the United Church in Saskatoon, we celebrate the richness and diversity of the Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ community and seek to be public, intentional, and explicit in our support for all God's children. With The United Church of Canada, we affirm that gender, gender expression and sexuality are gifts of God, and that all persons are made in the image of God.

As we embrace with love the gender, gender expression and sexual diversity represented in the colours of the rainbow, we reflect on this passage in Psalm 139:14 ~ "For all these mysteries I thank you. For the wonder of myself. For the wonder of your works - my soul knows it well".

We are concerned by the rising number of protests and attacks on drag performers and members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Saskatchewan and across Canada. The ongoing protest and counter-protest at the Shaw Centre is of particular note. There are hateful and dangerous myths circulating around trans and other queer identities, including online and inperson instances of homophobia and transphobia, coming from some extremists and Christian groups in Canada.

We add our voices to those of Grosvenor Park United Church (see their correspondence of *February 28, 2023*) in supporting the current policies for Leisure Centres in the City of Saskatoon, which expresses a commitment to practice and promote social inclusion, champion human rights, embrace and celebrate diversity. It supports safety for all.

We collectively wish to express our love and stand in solidarity with the City of Saskatoon in support of inclusion and human rights and in opposition to hatred and religious bigotry.

Saskatoon Affirming Ministries:

St. Martin's United Church – Rev. Jordan Cantwell & Rev. Keith Hall

St. Andrew's College – Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck

Spiritual Seekers United in Community – Trisha Little

McClure United Church – Eden Polischuk

Mayfair United Church – Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis

cc. Ford Ranjer Grosvenor Park United Church Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Ava Johnson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 7:33 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Ava Johnson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Ava

Last Name: Johnson

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Campus Dr

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jodi Kruger - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 8:50 PM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Jodi Kruger - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Jodi

Last Name: Kruger

Address: Spencer Cres.

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

#### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Trans bathroom rights

#### Comments:

I am writing in support of all trans and gender nonconforming people to be able to use the bathrooms that they are most comfortable in while using City of Saskatoon facilities.

I work in education and have gotten to know many trans and gender nonconforming students and know how

essential it is for them to feel belonging and to be accepted in all spaces.

To be able to live their lives freely as who they are meant to be really does become a matter of life and death. Members of the queer community are more than three times for likely to experience violence than those who are cis gender. The statistics vary, but the research shows queer youth are anywhere from 4-7 times more likely to consider or attempt suicide. These statistics are this high because of societies unwillingness to accept them for who they are. When members of society create fabricated situations of abuse in bathrooms, our entire community loses because it is now a community filled with hate and lies.

Let's imagine for a second if we did create laws about who has to use certain bathrooms... how are we going to enforce these laws? Do these disgruntled members of society want more surveillance? Checkpoints? Do they want to be asked by the government to prove their gender everywhere they go? Trans and gender nonconforming people have always been in our society, they walk among us and the majority of the time you would have no idea they are not CIS gender. It would make sense then that all of us would need to start proving our gender because you definitely can't tell these personal things just by looking at someone. Is this what it will come down to?

The fact of the matter is, we create laws in society when a problem needs to be fixed. When people are getting hurt and our safety is in question. That is not happening. Prove, using data, that there is an actual breach of safety when everyone uses the bathroom they are most comfortable in. We will all see the truth. It's not trans and gender nonconforming people who are abusing people in bathrooms or anywhere else in our community. They are not the ones who are making us feel unsafe in our city. They are not the ones creating hate.

Creating arbitrary laws to force people into denying who they are just so you can go swimming is just wrong. There is absolutely no need for this debate.

I hope the city council does what's right and denies the request for gender bathroom laws in Saskatoon. For the safety of EVERYONE in our society.

From: Subject:	City Council FW: Email - Communication - Katie Blackburn-Dust - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26	
From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@saskatoon.ca> Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 9:00 PM To: City Council <city.council@saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Katie Blackburn-Dust - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26</city.council@saskatoon.ca></web-noreply@saskatoon.ca>		
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First Name: Katie		
Last Name: Blackburn-Dust		

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Tait Place,

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H5L8

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Emma Wintermute - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 9:45 PM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Emma Wintermute - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Emma

Last Name: Wintermute

#### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Winter-mute

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Brookshire Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7V

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Sophie Wintermute - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Sophie

Last Name: Wintermute

### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Winter-mute

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Brookshire Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7V

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Marnie Carlson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 9:53 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Marnie Carlson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Marnie

Last Name: Carlson

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Car-L-Son

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Brookshire Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7V

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jarin Cote - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 10:56 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jarin Cote - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Jarin

Last Name: Cote

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: J-air-inn

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: catherwood ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Alyssa Billingsley - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Alyssa

Last Name: Billingsley

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 4388887448

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Weldon Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7k

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

# Comments:

Trans rights are human rights. I support gender-inclusive washrooms in Saskatoon facilities.

The presence of gender-inclusive washrooms in Saskatoon facilities do not threaten women and children. Trans people experience violence at a rate four times higher(1) than cisgendered people. If a man wishes to assault a woman or child in the bathroom, there has been nothing stopping him from doing so prior to the existence of gender-inclusive washrooms; any man at any point could have "dressed as a woman" and gone into the women's washroom and assaulted someone -- but to do so, cis men would have to subject themselves to the same shocking rate of violence as trans women in order to commit such a crime. Overall, instances of sexual assault toward young children in bathrooms is rare. (2) Conversely, gender diverse people experience very high rates of violence when they have restricted bathroom access (3)(4). Ultimately, there is a lot of data and evidence that 'shows protecting transgender people only increases public safety'. (5)

Anyone who reduces this to a "biology issue" is essentially suggesting every individual have their genitalia investigated, since it is impossible to know what genitalia an individual has without physically checking. Furthermore, approximately 1.7% of the world's population is considered to have intersex traits, which is about the same percentage of the population with red hair. (6)(7)(8)(9) Not all intersex people identify as transgender, but it is at each individual's discretion which gender they identify as, and just as gender is not a binary, neither are sexual organs.

Arguably, checking everyone's genitalia is much more invasive and violent than the simple existence of genderinclusive washrooms.

(1) https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/press/ncvs-trans-press-release/

(2) https://www.wcnc.com/article/news/politics/stats-show-assaults-dont-happen-in-bathrooms/275-126572739

(3) <u>https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/transgender-teens-restricted-bathroom-access-sexual-</u>assault/

(4)https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-youth-transgender-idUSKCN1SC1LR

(5) <u>https://abcnews.go.com/US/sexual-assault-domestic-violence-organizations-debunk-bathroom-predator/story?id=38604019</u>

(6) https://www.americanprogress.org/article/key-issues-facing-people-intersex-

traits/#:~:text=It%20is%20estimated%20that%20up,identifiable%20sexual%20or%20reproductive%20variations. (7)https://ihra.org.au/16601/intersex-numbers/

(8)https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/intersex-people-by-country

(9)<u>https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/10/its-intersex-awareness-day-here-are-5-myths-we-need-to-shatter/</u>

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Sarah Vedress - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:31 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Sarah Vedress - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 07:30

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Sarah

Last Name: Vedress

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: MacEachern Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Branson Perreault - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:46 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Branson Perreault - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Branson

Last Name: Perreault

### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: BRAN-son Per-ROW

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Maceachern Avenue

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - James Mantyka - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:52 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - James Mantyka - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 07:51

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: James

Last Name: Mantyka

Email:

Address: Balfour st

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Meghan Mickelson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:39 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Meghan Mickelson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 08:39

Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Meghan

Last Name: Mickelson

Email:

Address: 2nd st e

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: s7h

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.3.1

#### Comments:

I am adding my voice to those in support of diversity, and keeping our trans community safe. I am deeply concerned about protests against the 2SLGBTQ+ community that have been happening within the city.

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Chantel Wilson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:03 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Chantel Wilson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Chantel

Last Name: Wilson

Email:

Address: winnipeg ave s

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7m

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

#### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Transgender change rooms

#### Comments:

We are opposed to transgenders being able to use female change rooms at Public facilities. I think it is wildly inappropriate for male genitalia to be paraded around a female locker room in front of small children because they identify as female. I think this will open a huge safety risk to women and underage children in general for sexual predators. Anyone can identify as whichever gender and go into a locker room with bad intentions. I don't think young children need to be subjected to this and should be made to feel safe and comfortable in their environment.

Future ideas would be a male locker room, female locker room and a gender neutral locker room, that way we can accommodate both parties on this matter.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Crystal Aime - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:32 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Crystal Aime - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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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: She/her/hers

First Name: Crystal

Last Name: Aime

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Crystal AIM-ee

Email:

Address: Box

City: Redvers

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S0C

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

Transgender people deserve the same rights and freedoms that cis gender individuals enjoy. As a mom of a transgender young adult, my hope is that my child, along with their transgender peers, can go about their day to day lives without prejudice and judgement.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Brent McFarlane - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:31 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Brent McFarlane - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 11:31

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Brent

Last Name: McFarlane

Email:

Address: Nixon Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

I strongly encourage Council to maintain the current policies regarding change rooms at City of Saskatoon facilities. Not only is it imperative that transgender people be able to use the facilities free from harassment, as a matter of their individual dignity and for the dignity and reputation of the City itself, but those who oppose these policies do not stand before you in good faith. Council must uphold Saskatoon as a place which respects the human rights of all. I personally know trans people who have moved away from Saskatoon due to the dearth of services and the perception of the prevailing attitudes here. We lose enough of our young people as it is (to say nothing of the young people we lose to suicide brought on by bullying and hatred, or to the unfair increased mental load of our trans fellow citizens, who must think, more often than they should have to, "am I safe?" in our community). These are our friends and our family members, and our fellow citizens, and we must ensure we stand beside them and let them know that Saskatoon is their city as much as it is yours or mine.

Now, as for those who stand opposed to the current policy.

They are determined to aggressively present an agenda based on misinformation, hatred, and veiled anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, and they do not care if what they allege has any basis in fact.

Here is but one very recent example.

"Calgary police refute indecent exposure allegation at city pool." Calgary Herald, March 2nd, 2023.

https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/calgary-police-issue-statement-refuting-alleged-indecent-exposure-atcity-pool/wcm/e066dbb1-47ae-4611-9527-c9f5f984496c

The people in a panic about all things trans are part of a wider movement which grew during the earlier part of the pandemic, amplified by social media. They believe that covid-19 is a hoax (or exaggerated), perpetuated by the UN and WEF, as part of a larger plan by the billionaires of the world to institute global communism. As incoherent and politically illiterate as this is on its face, its spread has consequences for our city. These are the same people who protested against use of the word "Islamophobia" by the Canadian Parliament and against Syrian refugees. They are those who rallied against the vaccine. They believe "white" people are being "replaced" and that society's progress on 2SLGBTQIA+ issues is actually a nefarious part of that same plan. The bare bones of their conspiratorial worldview aligns with that which swept the Nazis into power: a nebulous "They" manipulating the world to further their own interests, as in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. (The story has become less explicitly about the Jewish people but they still notably fixate on Jewish figures like George Soros.)

I implore City Council to do whatever it is they can do about this threat to the health, safety, well-being, and again, dignity and reputation of our community. I would suggest that one lens Council could use is that the people standing before you opposed to the rights and freedoms of trans people are in the midst of an ongoing public mental health emergency. They are seeking validation, attention, agency, and a sense of community. They have pain that they are masking with this obsession, self-medicating with righteous indignation. (Having been to the counterprotests at the Shaw Centre, as a regular patron there, some of those protesting the policy have been observed to be intoxicated while there.) While their ideas must be loudly rejected, what has driven them to these ideas speaks to a wider societal failure.

The issue is thorny and complex, and there may not be easy answers. But Council must act to ensure the City is a place where all can succeed and have dignity, where the good life is extended to all.

Thank you for your kind attention.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Keely Williams - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 12:14 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Keely Williams - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 12:13

Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Keely

Last Name: Williams

### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Key-Lee

Email:

Address: Kilburn Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. It is disappointing that we are still debating the safety and validity of transgender and non binary people in 2023.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Tanner Aulie - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 12:50 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Tanner Aulie - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 12:50

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Tanner

Last Name: Aulie

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 3rd Street East

City: 3rd street east

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7h

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jamie Shaw - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 2:44 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jamie Shaw - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 14:43

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Jamie

Last Name: Shaw

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 6 Street East,

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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From:	City Council
Subject:	FW: Email - Communication - Josh Wilson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 2:49 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Josh Wilson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 14:48

Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

## I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Josh

Last Name: Wilson

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Rutherford Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Brianna Mireles - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 2:53 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Brianna Mireles - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 14:53

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Brianna

Last Name: Mireles

Email:

Address: Heritage View

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## **Comments:**

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people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Tom Maurer - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 3:29 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Tom Maurer - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 15:29

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Tom

Last Name: Maurer

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: (MAO-er)

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Sommerfeld Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Katie Salmers - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 4:26 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Katie Salmers - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 16:26

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Katie

Last Name: Salmers

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 6th St E

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Travis Trofimenkoff - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 4:41 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Travis Trofimenkoff - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 16:41

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

## I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Travis

Last Name: Trofimenkoff

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Lettice Perry Road North

City: Lethbridge

Province: Alberta

Postal Code: T1H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Transgender individual's right of change rooms

#### Comments:

I do not agree with city council's plan to make transgender individual's use their assigned at birth gender change rooms. They should be allowed to use the change room they feel most comfortable with and feel like fits them best. I

think also including gender neutral change rooms would be a great step to make everyone feel more comfortable and included. Making transgender individual's use change rooms based on genders assigned at birth is not fair to those people as that is not the gender they feel comfortable with.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Joanna Praski - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 4:44 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Joanna Praski - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Joanna

Last Name: Praski

Email:

Address: 7th St. East

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Delilah Kamuhanda - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26Attachments:Trans Rights City Council Letter.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 5:49 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Delilah Kamuhanda - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 17:47

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Delilah

Last Name: Kamuhanda

## Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Comma-Honda

Email:

Address: 1st Street E

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

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International Women's Day is a day we gather and discuss gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. While we have made great strides toward gender equality there are still many issues facing women and gender-expansive folks today. Furthermore, Saskatchewan is lagging far behind in these strides. Saskatchewan had the 2nd highest rate of killings of women and girls in 2020. In 2021, Saskatchewan had the worst provincial intimate partner violence rate. There are 61 MMIWG2S in Saskatchewan; this accounts for a little over 10% of the national cases. As someone who works in sexual health, I must add that services to support survivors of sexual or gender-based violence are stretched very thin. In addition, IWD is also about reproductive health, something Saskatchewan has struggled with for many years. We have 3x the national average of HIV, issues with abortion access (even in the city, but especially for rural folks), and a 900% increase in syphilis which is causing an increase in miscarriages and infants dying with congenital syphilis. Such issues are rooted in patriarchy, racism, colonization, misogyny and overwhelmed healthcare and community support systems. These are not what Mark Friesen and his followers are calling for an end to. They are using rhetoric akin to Jim Crow segregation to criminalize and attack trans and queer people. All are based on the myth that trans women are dangerous when assault and molestation are more likely to be perpetuated by someone known to the victim. We should be making this day about the grave issues, harms and violence facing all women (cis and trans alike) in our communities. Especially, because Saskatchewan is too familiar with unaddressed/unresolved intimate partner violence that can spiral into all-out community violence. Addressing these issues does not have an easy target, it requires concerted efforts in education, community outreach, media and more. Instead, targeting a vulnerable, marginalized and ostracised group like the trans and non-binary community has been deemed the easy target for Friesen and the like. I have not seen them at or discussing Red Dress Day to stand with protecting and finding MMIWG2S. This is a serious issue facing the population they claim to be concerned about protecting and defending. Indigenous women and girls are 16 times more likely to be murdered or missing than white women in Canada. This is a pervasive issue in Saskatchewan.

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## Sincerely,

Delilah Kamuhanda (she/they) Black Lives Matter YXE Treaty 6 Territory

## Attachments:

• Trans Rights City Council Letter.pdf64.5 KB

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Sincerely,

Delilah Kamuhanda (she/they) Black Lives Matter YXE Treaty 6 Territory

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Krista Loewen - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 5:56 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Krista Loewen - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 17:55

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Krista

Last Name: Loewen

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Ave D S.

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Ian Epp - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 6:28 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Ian Epp - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 18:28

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

## I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: lan

Last Name: Epp

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 27 St W

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: a. PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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## Comments:

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Terice Coleman - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 6:53 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Terice Coleman - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 18:52

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Terice

Last Name: Coleman

Email:

Address: York ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services

#### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1

#### Comments:

My name is Terice and I am writing to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services to voice my adamant support for the City's policy and practices of inclusion regarding City facility

changerooms. Trans people, like all people, have the right to feel safe when changing and to use changerooms that align with their gender.

Additionally, studies by Sharpe, A. (2020) and Hasenbush, A., Flores, A.R. & Herman, J.L. (2018) have shown that there is no empirical proof for increased risk of indecent exposure or assault due to transgender inclusive changeroom policies. Therefore, current outcry and backlash to such policies is only rooted within transphobia, misinformation, and groupthink.

I urge the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services, along with the remainder of City Council to stand by the current policy and adamantly support Saskatoon's transgender and Two Spirit community.

Thank you,

Terice

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Lauren Thompson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:03 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Lauren Thompson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 19:02

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Lauren

Last Name: Thompson

Email:

Address: 32nd St W

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## **Comments:**

I support and applaud the current policies regarding changing rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of

transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. Any policy change could set dangerous precedents for the surveillance of marginalized members of our community.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Levi Peterson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:18 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Levi Peterson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 19:17

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Levi

Last Name: Peterson

Email:

Address: 9th Street East

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Ruby Stickney - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-261

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:24 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Ruby Stickney - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26I

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 19:23

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

## I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Ruby

Last Name: Stickney

Address: Ave M N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: a. PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use changing areas that best reflect their gender identity. We have a responsibility as a community to protect our transgender neighbours and ensure that harassment and violence against them has no place in our city.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Rebecca Picot - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:52 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Rebecca Picot - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 19:51

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Rebecca

Last Name: Picot

Email:

Address: STILLING MEWS

City: SASKATOON

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7V

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Corey Norton - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:59 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Corey Norton - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 19:58

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Corey

Last Name: Norton

Email:

Address: Taylor St. E

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Stephanie Taylor - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:19 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Stephanie Taylor - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 20:18

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Taylor

Email:

Address: East Heights

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Victoria Parohl - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Victoria

Last Name: Parohl

Email:

Address: 5th St E

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jessica Lipoth - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26Attachments:StatementOnRecCenterSafety\_March5th.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:26 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jessica Lipoth - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 20:22

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Jessica

Last Name: Lipoth

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Emmeline Terrace

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: SPC-PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - PUBLIC March 8th, 9:30am

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

### Comments:

I have attached a letter in PDF format expressing my view on the matter of safety in public recreation center change rooms. If there are any issues accessing the attachment, please feel free to contact me via my provided email.

### Attachments:

• <u>StatementOnRecCenterSafety\_March5th.pdf</u>90.87 KB

To the Members of the Standing Policy Committee:

My name is Jessica Lipoth. I am a cis woman who was born in Saskatoon, grew up in Saskatoon, and who plans on staying in Saskatoon after completing my Bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering at the University of Saskatchewan next year.

I'm writing to you today to express my concerns with Mr. Mark Friesen's views on the trans-inclusive change rooms at the Shaw Centre. Mr. Friesen has stated that he is protecting women by demanding the women's change rooms be for cis women only. He argues that predatory men could take advantage of the space made for trans women to gain access to the women's change room.

While I can agree with Mr. Friesen that protecting women from sexual assault is a real and important problem, my concern is with his ideas on how to protect women. I am certain his views will only cause harm - not just to trans women, but to all women.

My first concern with Mr. Friesen's views on this matter is that they imply trans women are predatory men. A sampling of quotes from Mr. Friesen on social media include: "keep naked men out of the women's changeroom" and "protect our women by keeping men from entering the change rooms". By campaigning to remove trans-inclusive change rooms, it is clear that Mr. Friesen is not interested in protecting trans women so the women he refers to in his statements are only cis women. Because trans women are not included in Mr. Friesen's definition of women, these claims heavily imply that trans women fall into the only other category he establishes: predatory men.

Trans women are not predatory men. Forgive me my engineering nature, but allow me to back this statement up with numbers. The city of Saskatoon has been moving towards making change rooms inclusive since 2018 [1]. According to the 2021 census, approximately 0.3% of the population in Saskatchewan identifies as trans [2]. If we assume there are around 100 people using the change rooms at the Shaw Centre a day, and that the those who use the Shaw Centre have a similar percentage of trans people to this province, this implies that there's 1 trans person every 3 days. Let's say half of those trans people are trans women. 1 trans woman every 6 days, for a year, is about 70 trans women per year – or 304 trans women since 2018. In all that time, there has been 1 alleged incident of sexual harassment on social media. There have been 0 sexual harassment or assault charges brought forward to court, or officially registered with the human rights commission [3]. How is it possible for the instances of sexual assault to be practically nonexistent with trans-inclusive change rooms? It's because trans women are not predatory men. Trans women are women. They are women who deserve to have access to inclusive change rooms where they can feel safe and comfortable. They are women who deserve to be protected.

My second concern with Mr. Friesen's ideas is that they do not implement consequences for predatory men - they only punish trans women. While Mr. Friesen's implications that trans women are predatory men are clearly wrong, his concerns about

predatory men are valid: there is always the possibility that a predatory man may try to abuse the trans movement to gain access to the inclusive change room (which is likely what happened in the single allegation made on social media, if the allegation can be proven in court). But trans women are not at fault for this behaviour; predatory men are. Predatory men have been invading women's spaces before the movement to introduce inclusive change rooms. They will continue to invade women's spaces if these inclusive change rooms are removed. Removing the inclusive change rooms will not protect women - it will only harm the trans community by eliminating a safe space for them. Why should trans people pay the price for the actions of predatory men? Why would we not look to develop policies that hold predatory men accountable for their actions - policies that can protect all our women and children?

I encourage the members of the city council to address Mr. Friesen's concerns of sexual assault in a way that will hold predatory men accountable for their behaviour; in a way that will bring our community together to support one another instead of driving it apart by fear. Encourage employees at the Shaw Centre and other facilities to take training to identify and react to cases of sexual assault. Provide funding and support for public recreational centers to hire a social worker who can provide a safe space for women to bring up concerns, as well as leadership in situations where assault occurs. Do not protect women by trying to segregate them into isolated groups. Protect women by giving them a safe space within the community, where they can be heard, believed, supported, and defended when inappropriate behaviour occurs.

Sexual assault has no easy short-term solution. Deciding how to protect women as a municipal government will take more than the time allotted to the hearing today. But today, we can choose to protect trans women. To keep the inclusive change rooms provided by the Shaw Centre; a space that is safe and supportive for them. Members of the Saskatoon Standing Policy Committee: let us move forward in our journey to become a safe community, not backward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Jessica Lipoth References:

[1] Craig, Meagan. 2018. City of Saskatoon working towards inclusive change rooms at leisure centres. Global News. URL: <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/4632527/city-of-saskatoon-working-towards-inclusive-change-rooms-at-leisure-centres/</u>

[2] Statistics Canada. 2021. Canada's Transgender and Non-Binary Populations: Data Visualization Tool. Government of Canada. URL: <u>https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/71-607-x/71-607-x2022021-eng.htm</u>

[3] CKOM News. 2023. Human Rights Commission hasn't received complaints about changerooms at Saskatoon rec. centre. 650 CKOM. URL: <u>https://www.ckom.com/2023/02/17/human-rights-commission-hasnt-received-complaints-about-changerooms-at-saskatoon-rec-centre/</u>

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Claire deBoer - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:31 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Claire

Last Name: deBoer

Email:

Address: Saskatchewan Cres E

City: SASKATOON

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES Wed Mar 8th at 0930am

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

#### Comments:

Hello -

As a citizen, a healthcare provider, and a cisgender woman, I would like to speak in support of trans-inclusive

spaces, including washrooms.

Though some will attempt to weaponize fear, the reality is that trans- and gender diverse folk experience more violence and discrimination in their daily lives than most. Most predatory and inappropriate behaviours comes from an isolated few who will seek that out regardless; affirming spaces have not been shown to aggravate these behaviours. However, real violence and harm comes to gender diverse folk who are simply trying to live their lives - violence or threats of violence, exclusion from spaces, and the need to constantly guard against potential threats. They deserve to have safe access to the same facilities and services as any other person.

We should of course protect our children and our peers - all of them, of every gender and identity. To do that requires explicitly creating spaces that include and affirm people, and allow everyone the dignity to be themselves. Thank you.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Allison Hewlett - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:40 PM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Allison Hewlett - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Allison

Last Name: Hewlett

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Hew-let

Email:

Address: Stephenson Cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I wholeheartedly support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Cody David - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:50 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Cody David - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Cody

Last Name: David

Phone Number

Email:

Address: 4th Street

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I am submitting a comment in support of the City of Saskatoon's current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city public facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. Gender Identity is a protected right under the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Laura Civica - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 8:53 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Laura Civica - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Laura

Last Name: Civica

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Last name: Chee-vee-kha

Email:

Address: ave is

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: March 8, 930

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: International women and girls day, trans women

### Comments:

Thank you for reading my comment. I am writing in response to the recent claims of women and girls being unsafe

in change rooms. These claims are false and harmful. Trans women and gender nonconforming people have existed in these spaces since the existence of change rooms. We have always been, and will continue to be, respectful. Though it sure would be nice to have places to change where we didn't experience hate, vitriol, and the violence that follows lies about us.

City council, I implore you to see through falsehoods that paint us as monsters for living and breathing. We mean no harm, we just want to swim.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Miranda Marion - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:28 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Miranda Marion - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Miranda

Last Name: Marion

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Mer-AND-ah MARE-ee-un

Email:

Address: Brock Cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kelly Yeo - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:41 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kelly Yeo - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 21:41

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: She/her/hers

First Name: Kelly

Last Name: Yeo

Email:

Address: Delainey Manor

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7V

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Spencer Allan - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:44 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Spencer Allan - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Spencer

Last Name: Allan

Email:

Address: Delainey Manor

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7V

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication -Megan Williams - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:45 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication -Megan Williams - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Megan

Last Name: Williams

Email:

Address: Willoughby Cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: s7h

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

#### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: facility Change room safety

#### **Comments:**

I am submitting a comment in support of Trans people's right to use the change rooms that aligns with the gender with which they identify. The claims submitted by Mark Friesen and his group are unsubstantiated, and do nothing

but marginalize a small group of people who just want to live their lives in peace. Mark's hateful rhetoric does nothing but put the lives of trans people in danger.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Lena Booth - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:51 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Lena Booth - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Lena

Last Name: Booth

Email:

Address: Tait Cr

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

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

### Comments:

This issue has been raised because someone allegedly walked around the women's changing room at the Shaw Centre while naked, revealing their penis for everyone to see. I say allegedly because this issue has not been verified by any reliable sources. Whether the incident happened or not, it evoked protests calling for trans women to

be ousted from the women's changing rooms. In this comment I'm going to talk about the leader of the protests: Mark Friesen, how trans people interact with change rooms, and what should be done to ensure everyone is maximally comfortable using these facilities.

The protests have been led primarily by Mark Friesen. Friesen has said publicly that this has nothing to do with the rights of trans people but we shouldn't believe that. Friesen has posted tweets saying that trans women are men with mental illnesses. He's also tweeted several times saying that the rising number of trans people is caused by a conspiracy for world depopulation. He may attempt to make you believe that he cares about inclusivity. This should not be taken seriously. It should be assumed that Friesen will always advocate for a policy that is maximally discriminatory within the bounds of the law.

At its core, this is fundamentally an issue of trans rights and he knows it. This issue is about whether or not trans people should be "othered" by our city's facilities. Friesen and others want to do this by forcing trans women into situations that would expose their identities and embarrass them publicly. The truth is that trans people almost universally have anxiety about using these gendered facilities as it is. When using things like bathrooms and changing rooms trans people typically want to get in and out as quickly as possible, with maximum privacy, and be noticed by no one. This is borne out in the data. There was a study done that analyzed this using Massachusetts localities. It measured whether or not rates of assault, sex crimes, and voyeurism in public restrooms, locker rooms, and dressing rooms were related to whether the locality allowed trans people to use the facility that matched their gender id. The study found that safety was not related to whether trans people can use the facility of their choice. This shows that trans people are not threats. Furthermore, since it compares entire localities, not just the behavior of trans people, it also implies that the people who commit sex crimes aren't going to be stopped by a sign on the door. Other studies have shown that trans people are far more likely to be the victims of crimes in bathrooms than the perpetrators. A Harvard study found that in schools that make trans kids use the bathroom of their birth sex 1 in 4 trans kids reported being sexually assaulted in the past year. Policies that make trans people use bathrooms and changing rooms they're not comfortable in make them victims.

That's the general case but the reason we're talking about this issue is because of a specific case that happened at the Shaw Centre. There's very little verified information for what happened so naturally, we need to speculate. There are two scenarios in my mind for what happened based on what always happens in stories like this. This could be a case of a trans woman who was just minding her own business and was properly clothed while in a changing room. Then someone lied and exaggerated about what happened until Friesen and his ilk caught wind. There are many cases of things like this happening all across the US and Canada. The other scenario is that the story is mostly true. In this scenario what likely happened was that there was a pervert who entered the women's bathroom for kicks. In that case, no amount of signs on the door or facility policies will stop them. The only thing that would help is more privacy for all.

Fundamentally, trans people just want to exist in public and use the spaces they feel comfortable using. We want to interact with society without being repeatedly reminded of our birth sex. Most of us will go to great lengths to avoid making other people uncomfortable. We want to be viewed as normal members of society. We're not harming or threatening anyone. We just want to live our lives and be happy. The only policy that allows that and makes people safe is more privacy for everyone.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kathy Gallant - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:55 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kathy

Last Name: Gallant

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Broadway Avenue

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Kathy Gallant

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA 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:

I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

It's not only ignorant to think that trans members of the community are a threat to anyone in public, but especially in a change room.

If you don't like it, mind your own business and don't gawk at other people.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Laren Scruton - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:23 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Lauren

Last Name: Scruton

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Ave F N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

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

# Comments:

Trans rights are human rights. Gender identity does not increase the rate of crime. There is no evidence to back up this proposal as being valid and/ or needed to keep anyone safe.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Alyssa Karpinka - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:33 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Alyssa Karpinka - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Alyssa

Last Name: Karpinka

Email:

Address: McPherson Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Stephnie Watson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:34 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Stephnie Watson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 22:34

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Stephnie

Last Name: Watson

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Phone Number

Email:

Address: Avenue K South,

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

On a personal note the safety of transgender and gender-diverse people needs to be a priority at these facilities. Just over 2 weeks ago an individual in front of his family told me while in line to purchase a leisure pass that he would kill any transgender person that has a penis in the change room that his wife and child was in. I have filed this incident with the police hate crime unit but unfortunately due to the public space and how it occured it did not meet the treshold for them to persue. However we are now at risk of sharing this space with this individual. How are we suppose to feel safe using these city facilities?

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Taylor Elliot - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:41 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Taylor Elliot - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Taylor

Last Name: Elliott

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Albert Avenue

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Dylan Evans - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:59 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Dylan Evans - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 22:58

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Dylan

Last Name: Evans

Email:

Address: Albert Ave.

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Martina Rauert - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:04 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Martina Rauert - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 23:03

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Martina

Last Name: Rauert

Email:

Address: 13th Street East

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender
people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Danielle Richardson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:29 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Danielle Richardson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Danielle

Last Name: Richardson

Email:

Address: Ave C North

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms in City of Saskatoon facilities. As a mother, I

appreciate having a gender-neutral space where I can prepare myself and my child for swimming lessons in a private, accessible space. The washroom in our home is gender-neutral and I feel comfortable and safe using the facilities at the different leisure centers.

I support the rights of ALL people to use the changing facilities that reflect their gender. I do NOT support staff or patron policing of assumed gender. Use of the City of Saskatoon changing and bathroom facilities should be free of harassment so that everyone can use the changing rooms safely. Thank you for taking the time to hear my perspective.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jenna Libke - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:43 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jenna Libke - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 23:43

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Jenna

Last Name: Libke

Email:

Address: York ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

The fact that we are here based on a racist group of "freedom fighters" who needed a new target is insulting. They've used another fictional scenario to drum up public outrage and support for their cause.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kathryn Sarauer - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:57 PM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kathryn Sarauer - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 23:57

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kathryn

Last Name: Sarauer

#### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Sar - our

Email:

Address: 9th St E

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kira Barber - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:00 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kira Barber - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 23:59

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kira

Last Name: Barber

Email:

Address: Edmund Park

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Facility change room safety (CK 100-26)

#### **Comments:**

I am a young, cisgender woman that has been thinking of what to write you. What to write that could help educate people on this subject, what to write to help show support for the trans community, what to write that will help make a difference. I could, and have, written so much to try and communicate everything I would like to you. However, the

heart of it is this. I am not afraid to have transwomen using the same change room or washroom as me. I have never once felt threatened or concerned about having a transwoman live her life in the same vicinity as me, or any gender diverse person for that matter.

What I am afraid of is the push to normalize the falsehood that gender diverse people and inclusive policies are directly linked to predators. I do fear for the health and safety of our gender diverse community, who are often the target of misinformation and hatred. This is an example of one such time.

I humbly ask that you consider what I have written when thinking about the people and the rights that need protection in this matter. Thank you.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Nicole Hedley - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:20 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Nicole Hedley - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 00:19

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Hedley

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: East Centre

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7j

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

The idea that people with non-conforming gender identities increase the likelihood of risks of assault in any scenario, not just change rooms, is rooted in misinformation and fear, and not science. Multiple studies have shown that sexual assault, at least 70% of the time, happens in the home, by someone the victim knows, and by cisgender men. Studies also show that gender non-conforming individuals are more likely to suffer from sexual harassment and assault when restricted from using the change room/locker room/bathroom that aligns with their gender identity. I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities, and as a governing institution urge the city to continue to be an example of anti-discrimination. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender without harassment. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. There are real concerns actively affecting our children's safety and health, such as climate change and lack of mental health support, that should be the focus of our energies regarding keeping children safe. Transgender individuals are valid and deserve human decency.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Amy Kirk - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:28 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Amy Kirk - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 00:28

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Sunday, March 05, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Amy

Last Name: Kirk

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: avenue F north

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. It would be harmful and unsafe for transgender people if this policy were reversed.

In the words of award winning author, and trans woman, Kai Cheng Thom:

"I am a transgender woman, and my gender is not a mental illness. At this point in my life, am not going to try and convince anyone that I am a woman. I don't need you to believe that. What I do need is for my basic human rights and dignity to be respected, just like everyone else.

I have two master's degrees in mental health, and I have spent much of my professional life working with survivors of domestic and intimate violence. Do you know where such violence is most likely to occur? At home, in the nuclear family structure, committed by fathers, brothers, grandparents, and uncles. Not in the public sphere by trans women using washrooms. What are the solutions? The answer is complex, but one consistent factor is the ability of survivors of all genders to access safe housing and financial support.

Transgender women in particular carry a vast social stigma that extends far into the past. The prevailing stereotype is that we are predators and dangerous to "real" women and children. I believe that this intense social stigma is the scapegoating projection of society's fear of patriarchal violence. Our society fears male violence, and this heavy burden of this fear lands disproportionately on transgender women.

Statistics on domestic and intimate violence show that trans women (like all LGBT people) are disproportionately likely to be victims of violence. Trans women are no less likely than non-trans (sometimes called "cis") women to experience violence, and some research suggests that we are more likely.

How do we create a safer world for all of us? It begins with thinking clearly and compassionately, with stretching beyond knee-jerk reactivity. All people deserve safety, access to social resources and healthcare, dignity and respect. To create that world requires a reimagining, most of all, of how our socioeconomic system is structured. Let us work together on that."

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Charisa Doray - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:07 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Charisa Doray - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Charisa

Last Name: Doray

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Sha-ri-sa Door-ay

Email:

Address: Dufferin avenue

City: Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. We need to protect and uphold policy that ensures and protects the safety and dignity of every person.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Ellis Davis - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:04 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Ellis Davis - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 03:03

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Ellis

Last Name: Davis

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: EL-is Da-vis

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: St. Henry Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Available to answer questions only

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

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Michael Yaehne - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:08 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Michael Yaehne - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 03:08

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Michael

Last Name: Yaehne

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Edinburgh PI

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: March 8th meeting of the Standing Committee on Planning, Development, and Community Services at 9:30 am.

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

### Comments:

I think everyone has the right to use facilities they feel safe in. That extends to trans women just as much as it does to cis women. Trans women are not to be feared. Much like cis women, they are also subject to high rates of violence and sexual harassment.

If city council wants to address safety, they will not listen to bigots who want to make it more dangerous for trans women to simply exist.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Sami Beaulieu - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 6:36 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Sami Beaulieu - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 06:35

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Sami

Last Name: Beaulieu

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Grosvenor Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

First of all, I, Sami Beaulieu, support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at City of Saskatoon facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. Second, as a City of Saskatoon employee and lifeguard, I can safely and confidently confirm that, for so long as I have been working with the City, no harm has come to any patron as a result of these policies. There has yet to be any incident involving a trans person and any other individual, while using their according change rooms, or otherwise for that matter. Our pools are safer as a result of this policy.

In my eyes the panic aimed at trans people in the change rooms they're supposed to be in is, in the best case, misplaced. Interestingly, what I can anecdotally attest to are certain instances of patrons, within their 'biologically assigned' change rooms, harassing, at the very least, our lifeguarding staff - acts for which no such reactions have materialized. There are, as we speak, actual, tangible threats to the safety of our lifeguarding staff and children in these facilities and yet Mark Friesan and his cohort are all instead interested in non issue areas for political gains - not safety and security. If Mr. Friesan cared at all about the safety of women as he speaks before you - on March 8th nonetheless - he would be concerned with a very different group of people.

Transgender people are not the issue. I hope Mark doesn't waste too much of your time.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Do the right thing,

Sami.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Michelle Wiwchar - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:06 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Michelle Wiwchar - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 07:05

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Michelle

Last Name: Wiwchar

Email:

Address: Haight Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

#### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Joshua Erikson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:21 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Joshua Erikson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 07:20

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Joshua

Last Name: Erikson

Email:

Address: Sutter Place

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7T

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: a. PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Anne Baycroft - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:45 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Anne Baycroft - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 07:44

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Anne

Last Name: Baycroft

Email:

Address: York Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### **Comments:**

The human rights and safety of transgender individuals needs to be championed by city council, not debated.

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Katrina Hannah - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:28 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Katrina Hannah - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 07:27

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Katrina

Last Name: Hannah

#### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Katie

Email:

Address: Willis Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7T

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

Please help keep our trans siblings safe and comfortable in our city!

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Corey Hickson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:59 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Corey Hickson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 07:59

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Corey

Last Name: Hickson

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: Jarvis St

City: Toronto

Province: Ontario

Postal Code: M5E

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Samantha Fung - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:11 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Samantha Fung - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 08:10

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Samantha

Last Name: Fung

Email:

Address: Highway 7

City: Vaughan

Province: Ontario

Postal Code: L4K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kristy Bieber - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:17 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kristy Bieber - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 08:16

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kristy

Last Name: Bieber

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Bieber

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: kelvin ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7j

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Stephanie Scott - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:19 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Stephanie Scott - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 08:19

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Scott

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: kelvin ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7j

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.
From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Justin Seitz - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:41 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Justin Seitz - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 08:41

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Justin

Last Name: Seitz

#### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Sites

Email:

Address: Pembina Ave.

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Lorene Turner - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:45 AM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Lorene Turner - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 08:45

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Lorene

Last Name: Turner

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: Balsam Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I believe that people should be able to use the change room according to their gender at city facilities. So trans women should be able to use the women's changing room.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Tim Kang - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:46 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Tim Kang - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 08:45

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Tim

Last Name: Kang

Email:

Address: Robertson Cove

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7T

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

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people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Colleen McGrath - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:58 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Colleen McGrath - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 08:57

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Colleen

Last Name: McGrath

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Call-Leen Mik-Grr-ath

Email:

Address: Isabella Street East

City: Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Candice Brown - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:59 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Candice Brown - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

--- Replies to this email will go to

Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 08:58

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Candice

Last Name: Brown

Email:

Address: 2nd avenue N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7k

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

It will prove to society that we as a city are more inclusive to people from all walks of life. provide a safe, private facility for transgender, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming people, families with children, and people with disabilities who may need assistance Without them feeling out of place since they are not.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Emily Sterling - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:02 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Emily Sterling - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:02

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Emily

Last Name: Sterling

Email:

Address: Edward Avenue

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

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people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - James Grummett - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:10 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - James Grummett - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:09

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: James

Last Name: Grummett

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: GR-UM-ET

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Red River Road

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

#### Comments:

As a father of a trans individual, I have seen firsthand how being able to live as ones true self means to them. I have witnessed them blossom and become more beautiful, more compassionate, more empathetic; traits that I feel that those who desire to overturn the city policy and cancel out people like my child would do well to emulate.

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Riel Lagimodiere - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:10 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Riel Lagimodiere - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:09

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Riel

Last Name: Lagimodiere

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Ree-Yell

Email:

Address: Hampton Circle

City: Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7R

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

Members of this city have shown their support for fascist movements that aim to strip human rights from marginalized groups. I strongly denounce any and all far right organizations and firmly believe hate has no place in Saskatoon.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Nicole Tainsh - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:26 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Nicole Tainsh - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:25

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Tainsh

Email:

Address: 5th Street East

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

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people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Madeline Docherty - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:27 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Madeline Docherty - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:27

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Madeline

Last Name: Docherty

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Broadway Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Madeline Docherty

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Lauretta Peters - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:29 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Lauretta Peters - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:28

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Lauretta

Last Name: Peters

Email:

Address: 37th street west

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: s7l

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of changing rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the changing room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Colin McGuirk McNeil - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:35 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Colin McGuirk McNeil - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

--- Replies to this email will go to

Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:34

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: COLIN

Last Name: MCGUIRK MCNEIL

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: CAIRNS AVE

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Elis Richardson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:36 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Elis Richardson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

--- Replies to this email will go to

Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:35

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Elis

Last Name: Richardson

### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: EL-is

Email:

Address: 3rd Ave north

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. It is my belief that any attempt to deter transgender and gender-noncomforming individuals from using the appropriate facilities in our city is dehumanizing and immoral. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Stephanie Anderson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:41 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Stephanie Anderson - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

--- Replies to this email will go to

Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:40

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Stephanie

Last Name: Anderson

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: benesh cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

#### Comments:

Trans people are people. All they want is to be left alone to live in peace. Please do not let some small minded bigots get their way by intimidating and making a big deal out of something simple. Just let people use the bathrooms they have been using, without incident, for years. This is a non-issue.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - F David Schultz - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:42 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - F David Schultz - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:41

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: F. David

Last Name: Schultz

Email:

Address: 8th St E

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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### Comments:

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people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Zachary Mayoh - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:48 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Zachary Mayoh - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

--- Replies to this email will go to

Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:48

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Zachary

Last Name: Mayoh

Email:

Address: 5th Avenue N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

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people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kim Warner - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:59 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kim Warner - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 09:58

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kim

Last Name: Warner

Email:

Address: 11th St. W

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I fully support the rights of

transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Eric Wiebe - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:09 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Eric Wiebe - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:08

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Eric

Last Name: Wiebe

Email:

Address: 7th St E

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Heather Peters - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:09 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Heather Peters - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:09

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Heather

Last Name: Peters

Email:

Address: 6th Ave N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Public Agenda Standing Policy Committee on planning, development and community services: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30am

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

#### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. In fact, every time I go use the change rooms at the leisure centers and see the sign that invites people to use the rooms as they feel makes the most sense for them, I feel pride to be living in Saskatoon.

I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free
of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

I am married to a transgender women who takes our daughter to swimming lessons and public swims at the leisure centers. This is an activity that brings both of them joy. How sad and disappointing it would be if these spaces were no longer safe for them.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Wesley Holloway - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:11 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Wesley Holloway - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:10

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Wesley

Last Name: Holloway

Email:

Address: 7th street east

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: s7h

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Brittany Neyedly - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:13 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Brittany Neyedly - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:12

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Brittany

Last Name: Neyedly

Email:

Address: Steeves Ave

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender identity. This use should be free of harassment. EVERYONE should have the opportunity to use change rooms in safety and without fear.

It is not for any one of us to decide who can and cannot do something that does not cause harm to one another. Gender identity is a personal thing. I could not care less about what someone identifies as. Let people live their lives in peace.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Meg Hadland - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:16 AM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Meg Hadland - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:15

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Meg

Last Name: Hadland

Email:

Address: 25th street

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

I am a cisgender (assigned female at birth) woman, and I support the rights of transgender people to use the

change room that reflects their gender. Trans women in women's washrooms or changing rooms DO NOT make me feel unsafe. Transphobic and misogynistic men having opinions on what happens within a women's change room DOES make me feel unsafe.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Laura Mitchell - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:21 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Laura Mitchell - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:20

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Laura

Last Name: Mitchell

Email:

Address: Wilson Cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. This shouldn't even be an issue.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Tasha Wojo - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:21 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Tasha Wojo - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:21

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: tasha

Last Name: wojo

Email:

Address: Avenue J South

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Tod Paslawski - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:34 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Tod Paslawski - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:33

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Todd

Last Name: Paslawski

#### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: paz-law-ski

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Trotter Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES Wed. Mar 8 9:30

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

## Comments:

It is with Great concern that I read the submissions to this council today regarding the "perceived and yet unsubstantiated" claims made that the Sask. Human Rights Code's allowance for people to access public facilities and change rooms based on their gender identity is a matter of safety for women and girls who also utilize those public spaces.

Transgender discrimination and vilification regarding these matters have a long and sordid history and fly in the face of credible studies of this matter and the recorded sexual assault and indecency crime statistics throughout most of North America.

This latest outrage is an "alleged" incident with no proof nor with any confirmed or verifiable basis. These types of anecdotal events are repeated and amplified as "I know someone who knows someone who..." are specious at best and too often stoke wild speculation and fear-mongering and genuinely put the trans community at severe risk of physical harm and assault.

This latest attempt at riling public outrage has been farmed and exploited by several in our community who have sought to remain in the spotlight over a series of contentious issues, and whose base claims have been more about self promotion than science. I stand in support of Trans rights and the Sask, Human Rights Code, and I support the City of Saskatoon in providing safe, accessible, and gender identity-appropriate change facilities in Civic facilities.

Protecting LGBTI people from violence and discrimination does not require a new set of human rights laws or standards. Provinces are legally required to safeguard the human rights of LGBTI people. This is well established in international human rights law. It is based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights treaties.

The core legal obligations of States with respect to protecting the human rights of LGBT people include obligations to:

Protect individuals from homophobic and transphobic violence.

Prevent torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.

Repeal laws criminalizing same sex relations and transgender people.

Prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Safeguard freedoms of expression, association and peaceful assembly for LGBTI people

I encourage City Council to stand up and lead on this issue, and to help in educating our society and supporting all in having access to safe, non-discriminatory access to these facilities. Trans people have every right to exist in public and to do so without having to hide or fear for their safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Patrick Dubois - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:34 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Patrick Dubois - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:34

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Patrick

Last Name: Dubois

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Dalgleish Link Saskatoon, SK, S7W

City: Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7W

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Monika Kinner - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:38 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Monika Kinner - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:37

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Monika

Last Name: Kinner

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: MOE-nee-kah Kinner

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: East Heights

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): My family

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

## What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Facility Changeroom Safety

### Comments:

Thank you for Addressing this issue.

As a Mother having raised trans children (now teens and adults) this has been a major issue for us directly, for over ten years now. The lack of safety, privacy and common dignity for all adults, youth, and children has caused many painful issues for my children in their schools, as well as at public pools both indoor and outdoor.

What typically results, is that trans girls, boys, women, and men avoid engaging in activities requiring changerooms, entirely. My children, and their friends refuse attending gym classes, swimming parties, and most anything athletic to avoid bullying, hate propaganda, and angry, dangerous, or life threatening confrontations.

For myself, who is not transgender, I prefer to change in private. Perhaps the simple solution is to afford all women (and by this term, I refer to my daughters and myself) stalls to change in.

The men's room seems to be an entirely different arena. My trans son and his friends (boys and men) are INCREDIBLY unsafe in Male designated facilities. To my knowledge, they have experienced direct violence in the facilities as early as gr 9 in the highschools. The teachers do not know how to manage these problems, so these boys hide, and leave sports and related activities entirely when they are not supported. They do not 'drop out,' they are pushed out of a system that does not protect them.

Gender Neutral or Trans designated facilities are NOT wise, as I guarantee you, these will become targets for continued hate crimes.

My trans daughters will always use the Women and Girls' washrooms and changrooms with me, because that is who we are. We are women and girls, regardless of who is labeled 'trans' or not. We just want dignity and privacy.

As for Trans boys and men, they are in the most dangerous position if they enter Men-designated changerooms. My son avoids them entirely.

Again, thank you for considering solutions for my children and everyone. Trans people are not the problem. Transphobia and hate is.

- from a mother / advovate

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Dan Lawton - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:41 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Dan Lawton - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:41

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Dan

Last Name: Lawton

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Dan LAW-TON

Email:

Address: 4th Ave N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Lindsay Wawryk - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:42 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Lindsay Wawryk - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:41

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Lindsay

Last Name: Wawryk

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Ave B N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Tyrone Gonzales - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:42 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Tyrone Gonzales - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:42

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Tyrone

Last Name: Gonzales

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Gonzales

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Barber Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Ginger Ruddy - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:49 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Ginger Ruddy - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:49

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Ginger

Last Name: Ruddy

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: Fairlight Dr.

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety. There is no evidence that people who are trans and gender diverse are responsible for any reduction of safety in public washrooms and change rooms. On the contrary, they are much more likely to be harmed than their cisgender peers. Thank you.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Troy Marfleet - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:50 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Troy Marfleet - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:49

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Troy

Last Name: Marfleet

Email:

Address: 8th Ave N

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): High Noon Barber Shop

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kyle Oliver - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:56 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kyle Oliver - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:56

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kylie

Last Name: Oliver

Email:

Address: Albany Cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Dr Josh Morrison - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:57 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Dr Josh Morrison - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:57

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Dr. Josh

Last Name: Morrison

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Avenue D S

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7M

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

### What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.1.1

#### **Comments:**

It is imperative that trans rights be protected in and by this city. Mark Friesen is using trans people and their bodies as tokens in a culture war rather than to make any kind of fact-based policy. As a scholar on trans and queer rights, issues, and theories, I speak as an expert when I say that Friesen lacks any credible evidence for this change, and

using the deranged and dangerous antics of a cis man determined to prey on women by pretending to be trans is not only transphobic, it is the kind of hate that this city cannot stand for. Trans people, and especially trans women, and even more especially trans women of colour (including trans and/or two-spirit Indigenous people) face some of the highest risks of murder, violence, sexual assault, and suicide in our nation. Passing this motion would be siding with attackers, transphobes, and biogtry. Be on the right side of history and strike down this motion.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Ian Hampton - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:58 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Ian Hampton - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:58

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: lan

Last Name: Hampton

Email:

Address: 10th Street East

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I am writing to express my support for the current existing polices regarding change rooms at civic facilities. People

should and need to be able to use whatever facilities they feel represent their gender identity. To deny this right would set a very dangerous precedent and would undermine and restrict the rights of Saskatoon's LGBTQ+ community. It would be tragic to see a backwards step that would put our neighbors, friends, and family in danger of further harassment and ultimately violence.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Amy Blom - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:00 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Amy Blom - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 10:59

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Amy

Last Name: Blom

Email:

Address: Box

City: Vanscoy

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: SOL

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: a. PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

**Comments:** 

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Mayce Achtemichuk - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:04 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Mayce Achtemichuk - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:04

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Mayce

Last Name: Achtemichuk

Email:

Address: Deborah Cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7J

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: a. PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

I fully support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of
transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Tyson Brown - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:05 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Tyson Brown - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:05

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

First Name: Tyson

Last Name: Brown

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: Welker Cres

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

## Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

I believe everyone has the right to feel safe in facility change rooms.

I feel it is important to make the distinction here between "unsafe" and "uncomfortable". Personally, I'm uncomfortable changing in a male-designated facility change room, despite the fact that male is my gender identity. I am uncomfortable changing clothes in public, regardless of where I change. So, what do I do when I need to do that? I refrain from gawking around, I avoid interacting with people I do not know (and sometimes even with people I DO know), I get changed and get on with more important things. I do not complain or protest about my personal level of discomfort due to my own issues, nor do I expect any special treatment. If I were to be in a change room and someone (regardless of their gender identity) WAS gawking around and/or making inappropriate comments/interactions, their behaviour would make me feel unsafe and I would expect to be able to bring that to the attention of the relevant authorities. I would hope that, in our civilized society, other parents have taught their children that inappropriate "locker-room" behaviour is unacceptable. Thank you for your time.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kailey Smith - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:11 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kailey Smith - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kailey

Last Name: Smith

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 4th Ave north

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7k

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

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

### Comments:

Hello, I have been informed that this meeting will have Facility Change Room Safety as an agenda item.

I have been an avid user of Saskatoons civic centers my entire life, and I have always felt they are a safe and welcoming environment. I want them to remain this way for future generations of our wonderful city. For EVERYONE, and if our Trans brothers and sisters are ostracized, that is not the Saskatoon I want to live in or support.

I have never once felt uncomfortable or unsafe in our facilities changerooms because of a Trans person. There are already policies in place to protect guests at these facilities.

I urge you to not allow poisonous retorict from uneducated and fearful people to seep into our public facilities. Keep these spaces open and inviting for ALL of our wonderful, bright and colorful city.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kelly Lam - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:20 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Kelly Lam - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:20

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kelly

Last Name: Lam

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Kel-lee Lamb

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Cumberland Avenue South

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): WGST AGENTS

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Rachel Loewen Walker - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26Attachments:RLW Letter for City Council 2023.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:28 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Rachel Loewen Walker - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:27

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Rachel

Last Name: Loewen Walker

#### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: RA-chel LOW-en WA-ker

Phone Number : Email: 27 St W City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - March 8th

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

**Comments:** Please see attached letter

### Attachments:

• <u>RLW Letter for City Council 2023.pdf</u>256.68 KB



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March 2, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First of all, I want to thank the City of Saskatoon for taking the time to implement inclusive and safetyoriented policies for Saskatoon's recreational facilities in the past number of years. I know that you did this with ongoing consultation with staff from OUTSaskatoon, and that these policies represent brave steps forward in creating inclusive and accepting communities for all. I encourage you to keep moving in that direction and not to be persuaded by those looking to target trans and gender diverse people.

We are in a time of heightened anxiety related to gender identity and expression. We have seen this in the clawbacks to trans rights currently occurring in the United States, where in 2021 alone, thirty-three states introduced more than 100 bills to reduce the rights of trans people. We have also seen this through protests against "Drag Queen Storytime" at the Nutrien Wonderhub a few months ago, and just last week, online bullying threatened a mentorship program for trans youth in Regina.

Trans Sask Support services recently completed a community report: *So They Know We're Here* (<u>https://www.transsask.ca/research/ community-report/</u>)</u>, which demonstrates that 48% of the more than 300 Two Spirit, trans, and nonbinary people who participated in the survey, avoided places, situations, or activities due to fears of discrimination; that is *nearly half of all trans and nonbinary people probably don't even access public services such as rec centres, public gyms, and pools out of fear of discrimination*. The protests that have been staged by Mark Friesen over the past month clearly demonstrate that those fears are founded. Likewise, they demonstrate that policies and guidelines are not enough on their own. They must be accompanied by proactive education, advocacy, and support.

Despite these backslides, I invite you to remember the incredible forward momentum around trans rights as Saskatchewan added gender identity to the human rights code in 2014 and Canada passed Bill C-16 in 2017, adding protections based on gender identity and expression to the Canadian Human Rights Code and the Criminal Code. In 2018, people in Saskatchewan could remove the gender marker from their ID and as of 2021, they could use an "x" marker on their health cards. These are all movements in the right direction and it is sad, but not surprising that during a period of human rights advances for trans and gender diverse people, those in disagreement are amping up their efforts. It is precisely at times like these that we must take a long view of human rights in our city. We must stay the course in ensuring that Saskatoon can be a safe space for trans and nonbinary people and demonstrate that standing up for our previous advancements is a key part of progress.

In reading through letters and comments that have already been submitted regarding this matter, I want to underline the submission from Grosvener Park United Church, which includes an extensive appendix documenting many articles that identify the importance of providing gender-affirming services in public spaces, and so I will not repeat this evidence. Instead, I argue that anxiety around trans women's use of



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public facilities stems from a culture of misogyny. This is not a historical understanding of misogyny as the hatred of women, this is a misogyny that polices and controls femininity, including how it is expressed, where it is allowed, what it looks like, and who controls it. Trans women's very existence challenges the social control of gender and it is this that causes critics to become anxious and fearful.

Arguments about protecting the "vulnerability of women and children" is a further veil for misogyny and control as it reinforces traditional norms of masculinity and femininity. Women and children, in fact, are entirely capable of understanding and learning about trans people and their experiences, they do not need protection from the valuable changes that are taking place in our community. Further, although women and children are absolutely more likely to experience assault and danger, statistically this overwhelmingly comes at the hands of heterosexual, cisgender men (a 2007 study cited by Statistics Canada notes that 97% of those accused of sexual offences are male).<sup>1</sup> In fact there is no evidence that trans women using public facilities pose any kind of threat to the well-being of women, children, men, or other trans people.

The reality is that this is a settled area of the law. Our provincial Human Rights Code ensures that all people are entitled to accessing public spaces according to their lived gender. This has been made explicit by the managers of Saskatoon's recreational facilities and guides policy-development in this area. Any movements to the contrary, then, are in direct breech of existing human rights protections. The continued problem, however, is that in these types of cases, we spend a lot of time focusing on the people experiencing harm – analyzing and policing them, examining whether they were behaving appropriately, whether they are, in fact, protected by human rights legislation. What we don't do, is clearly articulate the accountability we all have to the *Criminal Code*'s Provisions Targeting Hate, whereby Mark Friesen's persistent public communication on this matter constitutes "The Wilful Promotion of Hatred," as identified in Section 319 (2) of the Criminal Code. I would encourage city council to shift the conversation away from an inquisition into the rights of trans people to use public spaces to one that enforces the responsibilities that citizens have to avoid spreading hateful and false information that results directly in bullying and violence toward identifiable groups. We share a responsibility to address this bigotry and I thank you for your time and efforts to this effect.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Rachel Loewen Walker Assistant Professor in Women's and Gender Studies and Political Studies University of Saskatchewan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada: <u>https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85f0033m/2008019/findings-resultats/nature-eng.htm#:~:text=According%20to%202007%20police%2Dreported,of%20violent%20crime%20(78%25)</u>

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Maegan MacIntosh - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:29 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Maegan MacIntosh - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:28

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Maegan

Last Name: MacIntosh

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: 7th Street East

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7H

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

#### Comments:

I am a cisgender (assigned female at birth) woman, and I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. Trans women in women's washrooms or change rooms DO NOT make me feel unsafe. Transphobic and misogynistic men having an opinion about what happens within a women's change room DOES make me feel unsafe.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Kelly Bonneau - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:30 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted by user: Anonymous

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### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Kelly

Last Name: Bonneau

Email:

Address: Box

City: Osler

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S0K

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms safely.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Danielle Young - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:42 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Danielle Young - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:42

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Danielle

Last Name: Young

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Dan-yell Yung

Phone Number :

Email:

Address: Diefenbaker Drive

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I fully support transgender and non binary individuals right to utilize whatever facilities are most appropriate to them without risk of harassment, embarrassment and abuse.

The 'dangers' that these bills are trying to address that bar transgender women specifically from utilizing the facilities that women and children currently use is presumptuous and based in fear, hatred and homophobia, not facts.

The facts are:

- Men are just as vulnerable to abuse and harassment as women. Transgender women are not a new, unique, specific threat because they are transgender. In reality, it seems that the fear of men in general is the deep rooted issue at play. This is a much bigger conversation to be had surrounding our culture of gender based violence and mens mental health support.

- There has been little to no evidence to support the idea that this issue is threatening to public safety. Rather, those who identify as anything other than heterosexual and cisgender are at tremendous risk of being abused, harassed, threatened, belittled and stripped of their basic rights and privileges out of fear and ignorance.

- There are real cases currently open in our city and all over the province, country and world where real abusers have been called out in our schools, religious facilities and other trusted organizations where we can make real, concrete change and take action to protect our children.

Thank you for listening and considering my input.

Regards,

**Danielle Young** 

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jacqueline Kazakoff - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:47 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Jacqueline Kazakoff - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:47

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Jacqueline

Last Name: Kazakoff

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

Email:

Address: avenue i north

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: s7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of trans people to use the change room that best reflects their gender.

This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Mikaela Smith - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:48 AM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Mikaela Smith - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:48

Submitted by user: Anonymous

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#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: They/them/theirs

First Name: Mikaela

Last Name: Smith

Email:

Address: Blakeney Crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7L

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender

people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

Bigotry and hate have no place in Canada.

 From:
 City Council

 Subject:
 FW: Email - Communication - Beatrice-Grace Domingo - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK

 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:49 AM To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> Subject: Email - Communication - Beatrice-Grace Domingo - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted on Monday, March 6, 2023 - 11:49

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

#### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Beatrice-Grace

Last Name: Domingo

#### Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Bee ah tris

Phone Number : Email: Address: Elliott Street City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7N

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: public agenda standing policy committee on planning development and communuty services, March 8, 2023, 9 :30 am

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

### Comments:

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. This use should be free of harassment to provide everyone with the opportunity to use change rooms in safety.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Denis Rooke - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:53 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Denis Rooke - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Denis

Last Name: Rooke

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: DEN-is RUUK

Email:

Address: Pawlychenko Lane

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7V

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Planning, Development, and Community Service Committee

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

## Comments:

#### Hello

As a citizen of Saskatoon and a cisgender man, I support trans-inclusive spaces, including but is not limited to washrooms.

Under the guise of protecting women and children, some have made up imaginary scenarios for the explicit purpose of driving fear and hate towards trans and gender diverse individuals. The conversation should never be about excluding individuals, but about how to better protect and accommodate everyone. Regardless of a person's gender or identity they deserve the opportunity to safely access services and facilities. The solution is not to further marginalize a group of individuals that already face more discrimination and violence than most for simply existing. Trans and gender diverse people have always existed and utilized these types of facilities, but generally with great trepidation due to the very real fear of violence or discrimination.

We must do our best to include and protect everyone, regardless of their gender or identity.

Thank you.

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Alec Christensen - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Date: Monday, March 06, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Alec

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Address: York Ave

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Transgender and LGBTQIA's righys

#### Comments:

If it does not have a negative effect on others outside of them having to hear about it or look at it why is it a problem? I have to hear about religion regardless of my belief so why should the rights of others be any different.

Thanks , Alec

From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Dayna Taylor - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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First Name: Dayna

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Postal Code: S7T

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Publec Agenda Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services: Wednesday, march 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

#### **Comments:**

I support the current policies regarding the use of change rooms at city facilities. I support the rights of transgender people to use the change room that reflects their gender. Gender inclusive facilities provide a safer and more

welcoming space for trans and non-binary people and they should continue to use those facilities free of negative reaction and/or harassment. We need to continue to embrace the evolution of our community's needs and to champion inclusivity and accessibility for all.