
Subject: FW: Email - Request to Speak - Brielle Bright - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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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: brielle

Last Name: bright

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: BREE-ell

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Province: Saskatchewan

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What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

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

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: public agenda standing policy committee

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

Comments:

as a trans woman i would like to speak to the harms in allowing political debate over my right to exist in public spaces and safely use public facilities.

i would also like to clarify publicly that, while i have been harassed in ladies' rooms and elsewhere, i have never myself harassed or accosted a cisgender person. this is true for a vast, vast majority of trans people. those most likely to be accosted are the ones being accused of accosting.

there is no data indicating that trans people or transfeminine folk in particular are any more likely than a cisgender person to commit crimes or more specifically, sexual crimes including harassment or assault. this is a harmful sourceless stereotype that has been used to curtail the rights of queer people to exist in workplaces and public spaces for ages.

furthermore, my body is not inherently offensive or sexual. i deserve access to facilities without abuse or harassment same as any other person, regardless of reactions people may have to me that occur independent of my actions and behaviour.

hearing somebody speak to council who has vilified and lied about people like me on record all over social media will be a traumatic experience, but if discussion on limiting my access to public spaces and facilities is going to be allowed to begin with, i would like to be there to represent my community as it comes under attack yet again.

arguments like this, however specious, being given equal weight to my own story and stories from my community, were an early first step in a transphobic movement in the united states that has recently moved to ban and criminalize trans healthcare in a number of states. i hope council can understand the importance of challenging unsourced hateful rhetoric, and also of allowing trans people to speak for ourselves.

thank you for your time

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