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6.1.1 - Request to Speak - Sarah Smokeyday - Facility Change Room Safety - File CK 100-26

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Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:25 AM **To:** City Council < City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>

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Submitted by user:

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: Sarah

Last Name: Smokeyday

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:

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Phone Number :

Email:

Address: trotter crescent

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: s7l

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 ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Comments:

Dear Council.

Aniin, Hello.

I am an indigenous anishinaabe woman. I thank you for taking the time to read my comments from our treaty 6 territory.

I am a CIS woman. I was assigned and identify as she/her/woman *Ihkwē*.

I was sexually abused as a child.

I was sexually assaulted as an adult.

The perpetrators of these crimes were CIS straight men. assigned male at birth and identified as such.

The people whom I've found safety with over the years are the queer community.

This attack on trans folks, specifically trans women comes from nothing other than hate and prejudice. Trans women statically have not caused harm to our community. Statically speaking my sons who identify as boys are at greater risk sharing washrooms and change rooms with cis straight men than I or our daughter's are sharing space with all women (*trans* women).

The unfounded accusations, blatant lies need to be stopped and Saskatoon needs to continue to support, care for and provide safety to transfolks who are at a much higher safety risk than other demographics.

I support the LGBTQ2S community and will not sit quietly while a bunch of bigots cause harm on our treaty land. *Tapasentamowin* Humility. Have it.

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