

## Walter, Penny

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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Loren McDougall - Downtown Stadium - CK 4130-14

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

**I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.:** No

**I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.:** No

**Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Loren

**Last Name:** McDougall

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** [REDACTED]

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED] Tobin Cres

**Neighbourhood:** [Lawson Heights](#)

**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

**Postal** [REDACTED]

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** Loren McDougall

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Downtown stadium

**Comments:**

Having heard about the proposed downtown arena/event centre, I think it's. GREAT idea. Saskatoon has such a rich history when it comes to performing arts, from Joni Mitchell to Wide Mouth Mason, Factor Chandelier and Reignwolf, and dozens of others, our music is what makes us SHINE. I would put our music scene up against any city in the country, because purely based on productivity and potential for growth, we are second to few. I know there are many naysayers who think it's a poor decision, but please pay them no heed. Music literally saved my life. As a recovering addict who spent decades living on the edge as a byproduct of childhood trauma, depression, and the grief of friendships and family members lost, I owe my recovery to music and the artistic community in saskatoon. I'm over 3 years clear of self destructive patterns of abuse and I would have never made it without the Saskatoon music scene. I assure you I am not alone in that sentiment. Having a facility located more centrally will be a great thing for patrons and core-businesses alike. An overhaul of public transit would also be a great thing, but that can be looked at another time. I thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you for all the good work you do, Saskatoon is a unique city and while it has problems, it very much feels like things are moving in a more positive direction. God bless, your friend til the end, Loren M. McDougall.

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