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Submitted values are:

**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:** Monday, June 05, 2023

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

**First Name:** Cameron

**Last Name:** Choquette

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**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

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**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** 2023 Sanctum Survivor Participants

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):** SPC on PDCS - June 7, 2023

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 7.3.8 - Access to Public Washrooms

**Comments:**

On behalf of the 2023 participants of the Sanctum Survivor Challenge, please see the attached letter for consideration.

**Attachments:**

- [SanctumSurvivor Letter for Public Washrooms.pdf](#)105.4 KB

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

June 5, 2023

SPC on Planning, Development, & Community Services  
City of Saskatoon  
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**RE: 7.3.8 – Access to Public Washrooms**

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Dear Committee Members:

As recent participants of Sanctum Care Group's 2023 Sanctum Survivor Challenge, we would like to provide commentary on the agenda item above and suggest that City Council explore the creation of a public washroom along 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

Although we were only on the streets of Saskatoon for a period of thirty-six hours, one of the main observations that was made by all participants was the lack of a public washroom along 20<sup>th</sup> St. While there are a number of community-based organizations that provide a public washroom, they are typically only available during regular business hours. Outside of these hours, we were forced to find other options at City Hospital or business establishments. While the report before you does present the current status of public washrooms, none of them are along 20<sup>th</sup> St. Without transportation, homeless people must walk long distances to access the current washrooms.

Creating a public washroom along 20<sup>th</sup> Street will not come without its challenges. The security and cleanliness of the building will be integral to its success and will come with ongoing costs. These challenges should not dissuade us from exploring the idea and brainstorming solutions that will help improve access to public washrooms and give homeless individuals a place to wash their hands and use a clean washroom.

Our vulnerable neighbours deserve a healthy quality of life and a public washroom on 20<sup>th</sup> Street is simply one solution that we would like to suggest for consideration. We're happy to support the City in any way we can and contribute our experience and collective influence to this conversation.

Sincerely,

2023 Sanctum Survivor Participants – Chris Guerette, Cameron Choquette, Dr. Benjamin Leis, Sara Wheelwright, Fatima Coovadia, Niles Kavia, Tonya Gresty, Dr. Morris Markentin, and David Dube.