

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Community Risk Reduction

Recommendation of the Committee

That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Social Services outlining the barriers that they are facing in getting people who are unhoused connected to housing, including the challenge of acquiring ID, transportation and getting access to Social Workers. That this letter include a request for the Ministry of Social Services to reduce these barriers and work with Saskatoon Fire Department and community service providers to have Ministry of Social Service staff work more proactively to successfully connect people to housing and supports.

History

The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services, at its meeting held on August 8, 2023, considered a report of the Saskatoon Fire regarding the above.

The Committee received a presentation from Cameron Choquette, Saskatchewan Landlord Association.

In addition to the above-noted recommendation, your Committee also resolved that when this matter is before Council, would the Administration include all financial implications in all reporting regarding Community Risk Reduction. These implications should include wages, administrative costs, vehicles and fuel, etc. Please include any relevant chargebacks to Ministry of Social Services or other stakeholders. In addition, please include the impacts this program has on the other work that is usually done by the bylaw enforcement officers. A summary page from Saskatoon Fire is appended to this report.

Attachment

August 8, 2023 report of the Saskatoon Fire.

August 4, 2023 letter from Cameron Choquette, Saskatchewan Landlord Association. August 30, 2023 Summary Page from Saskatoon Fire.