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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Adam Pollock - Community Risk Reduction - CK 2500-8

Attachments: Council Letter Housing.pdf

From: Web NoReply < web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:59 PM **To:** City Council < <u>City.Council@Saskatoon.ca</u>>

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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, August 28, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Adam

Last Name: Pollock

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Address: 17th Street West

Neighbourhood: Pleasant Hill

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Pleasant Hill Community Association

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: August 30th, Regular Business Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Item 8.1.4 Community Risk Reduction

Comments:

See Attached Letter

Attachments:

• <u>Council Letter Housing.pdf</u>35.08 KB

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

To: Saskatoon City Council

From: Pleasant Hill Community Association

Dear Councilors.

We are writing to you all today in the hopes that you will include our voice and message when communicating with our Provincial Government regarding the need for additional funding and support to address the growing risk crisis that we are seeing in our urban centers.

As you may have noticed in the additional information provided this week by Assistant Fire Chief Raymer, Pleasant Hill has been impacted the most by this growing crisis and our community is feeling and seeing first hand that the current support and funding being provided by the Provincial Government is inadequate at addressing these complex issues. Boarded up houses, property maintenance issues, and a greater presence of transient people in our community setting up encampments are just some of the issues that are impacting our community.

We are aware that there are many empty units in our city, and so we ask you to urge the provincial government to invest in connecting people in need of housing to these spaces.

We are also aware that the Provincial Government recently made changes to the SIS program which has had a direct impact on the lives of many people who are not able to manage the funds they receive on their own and are now being evicted with nowhere to go. We ask that you urge the provincial government to reinstate the original SIS program policies and ensure the supports fully cover rent and utilities with livable rates.

We ask that you urge the Provincial Government to establish permanent supportive housing for people with complex needs.

We truly believe that there are solutions to these problems, and if the Provincial Government invests and works in new ways to better address these complex issues, we will see positive results. Without adequate support from the provincial government, these problems will only get worse and spread into every corner of our urban centers.

Sincerely,

Adam Pollock, President Pleasant Hill Community Association