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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Sam Daou - Provincial Approach to Homelessness - Application for Emergency Residential Shelter - 1701 Idylwyld Drive N - CK 4355-023-006 x 750-6

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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>

**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2023 3:32 PM

**To:** City Council <[City.Council@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:City.Council@Saskatoon.ca)>

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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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:** Friday, November 17, 2023

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

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Sam

**Last Name:** Daou

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED] Hamm Cove

**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** [REDACTED]

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** Daou Holdings Inc.

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** November 22, 2023

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Proposed Emergency Residential Shelter

**Comments:**

To whom it may concern,

Our company owns real estate at the 1300 block of Idylwyld, which consists of bare land. It is currently leased out to a 3rd party, Nova Auto Sales. This area has had a number of safety and crime issues over the last few years. The proposed location for an emergency shelter will only increase these issues and crime in the area.

As a tax paying commercial property owner, we have struggled through the economic challenges due to the Covid pandemic. The City of Saskatoon did not assist any of these businesses, in tax breaks or deferrals or reductions during shut downs and the halt of retail business due to lock downs.

Idylwyld consists of many retail businesses in that area. The homeless shelter being added there will only hurt these businesses even more. There has been very little thought by the City to the location selection for this shelter. That location is already surrounded by crime, bars, pubs, suspect residences and drugs. Adding more people to that area in the shelter will only add fuel an already out of control fire.

I understand that a resident cannot check themselves into the facility, but my concern is what happens when they get discharged? How will they discharge? Will they just walk out? This was not clear in the notice. Where will they loiter or hang around until the next time they get admitted? The hotel? Tim's? Behind Unique Lighting? Alley behind our land? Will they set up tents on our vacant land? Who pays to clean up after them? Who pays for the damage they cause?

The addition of this shelter in that location will essentially kill our real estate values in that area. Commercial development will halt. Idylwyld needs to be regenerated as a key artery into Saskatoon, with vibrant businesses. It cannot have the homeless drug problem increased due to the City's poor decision to add the shelter there. The City should be focused on incentivizing tax payers such as our company, to develop the land/buildings around us to improve your tax base. This shelter will serve as the opposite.

We have very serious concerns over renewal of our leases. Tenants will not want to renew in that area. I have spoken with the owner of Unique Lighting strip mall, the owner of the Sardinia strip mall across the street, the owner of Maxum Auto, the CFO of PR Developments that owns the hotel, and also the owner of the land to the south of us. All of us agree on the same thing: the location of this shelter is not in the best interests of the tax base and businesses around it. This will only kill and hurt the businesses, property values and lease renewals even further.

We are deeply concerned and are worried about lease renewals, increased crime and safety.

Further to this, the short notice is not appreciated. We only hear about this on the news, with only 2 days to respond to council. As a rate payer in that district, we should have been notified much sooner.

I do know that the businesses in that area will all get together and fight this, and any proposed zoning change.

This is not the best thought out plan for your retail/tax base in that area. Not good at all.

Sam Daou

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