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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Hello,

I am just wanting to communicate my thoughts regarding the recent news of the erection of a monument for the late Fred Sasakamoose at SaskTel Centre. While I have no concerns with same, I think it is important to recognize Indigenous persons who have created opportunities for others.

What I write about is if there is any consideration from Saskatoon City Council regarding a monument for the late Kimberly Squirrel who froze to death and died in a park in one of our cities residential neighbourhoods. While I didn't know Kimberly, I do believe that her life and death is symbolic of the continued disparities Indigenous persons face in our city and province. I know in an article I read in the Star Phoenix dated March 2, 2021, her family was hopeful a monument would be placed where she was found.

I also wonder if there is any consideration from city council and administration to erect an Overdose Memorial Monument. As you are aware, our province and city are experiencing an overdose crisis which is effecting all persons regardless of race, religion, social status or gender. Saskatoon's safe consumption site was denied funding from the provincial government and I understand and respect Mayor Charlie Clark's comments about denying municipal funds for same.

I live and work primarily in Ward 2 of Saskatoon. I work as a Registered Nurse with Mental Health and Addictions Services and have seen repeatedly the effects of systemic racism, intergenerational trauma and the devastating effects of the overdose crisis. While there is some merit in creating monuments for sports celebrities, I do think its important to recognize what is the reality is still today for many people and acknowledge that. Truth comes before we can truly reconcile.

I appreciate your time in reviewing this message. I would appreciate follow up just to discuss and learn what City Halls position is on same. If there is a preference to call, my number is 1-306- [REDACTED] otherwise email is fine. Thanks again.

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