

## Walter, Penny

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**Subject:** FW: Email - Request to Speak - Russell Nadin - Closed Public Restrooms and Drinking Water - CK 600-33  
**Attachments:** RestroomClosedMap.png; 20240512PublicRestroomsAndWaterSpeechToCityCouncilRussellNadin.pdf

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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 9:41 AM  
**To:** City Council <[City.Council@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:City.Council@Saskatoon.ca)>  
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Submitted on Monday, May 13, 2024 - 09:30

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:** Monday, May 13, 2024

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

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Russell

**Last Name:** Nadin

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Rah-sul Nay-din

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] 111th street

**Ward:** Ward 1

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** N/A

**What do you wish to do ?:** Request to Speak

**If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely:** In person

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE - PUBLIC Wednesday, 15 May 2024 @ 9:30 AM

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Closed public restrooms and drinking water

**Comments:**

Good morning,

I would like to speak about closed public restrooms and water.

My preference is to speak at the Wednesday morning Governance And Priorities Committee, and I understand the city clerk may find a more suitable meeting.

Attached is my short speech, a map, and a 1:20 long video. I can easily present within the 5 minute time limit.

I would like to present in person, and am very happy to answer any questions.

**Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?:** Yes

**Publicly viewable / shareable link from YouTube:** <https://youtu.be/mbhBy4KowNI>

(Display Restroom Map on monitors)

Hello, my name is Russell Nadin.

I'm here to speak about access to public restrooms and water.

Along the river 3 locations are closed or partially closed and 1 location is closed in William A Reid park.

Closed restrooms prevent everyone from enjoying the parks, especially children, people with mobility issues, digestive issues, and unhoused.

This issue is not just about quality of life, but about necessity.

Access to water can prevent heat stroke, dehydration, and death. People far from home or without a home are most at risk.

Residents of the Fairhaven neighborhood post pictures on Twitter of people publicly relieving themselves near William A Reid park where unhoused people are living due to an overcrowded shelter. We need more shelters.

With the washrooms padlocked and no access to drinking water or a toilet, unhoused people are forced to relieve themselves wherever possible, residents are rightfully angry, and unhoused people are humiliated. There is no dignity or hygiene in these conditions.

(Play video link <https://youtu.be/mbhBy4KowNI>)

I have two requests please.

I would like to receive updates for the opening of public restrooms, or the reason for the closures with a timeline / plan to reopen.

Alternatively, if the restrooms and water fountains remain closed, I would like to know the feasibility of deploying the city's emergency water trailers during the hot summer.



**Shakespeare  
Closed**

**Skating Rink  
Closed**

**William A Reid  
Closed**

**415 Spidina Cres. E  
Partially Closed**