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His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
ATTENTION: City Clerk
City of Saskatoon
222 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 0J5

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council:

Re: Public Access to Washrooms

At the urgent meeting of the Riversdale Business Improvement District (RBID) held on Friday, May 3, 2024, to discuss recommendations for access to public washrooms within the Business Improvement District, the business owners had a thoughtful and constructive meeting to seek solutions for this city-wide problem with local negative impacts.

Whereas initial ideas had been shared regarding the placement of portable washrooms or mobile washrooms here, the Board of Management resoundingly rejected the concept of placing these on the 20th Street West commercial corridor that again faces challenges with negative perceptions following several years of making headway with improving the area. Citing many concerns about the unsupervised washrooms, they believe the need to ensure safety for those people using them, along with neighbouring businesses, employees and their customers' safety was the primary reason for their decisions. The RBID Board of Management has passed two motions for City Council to have when making their decision on behalf of the business and commercial and industrial property owners:

"The Riversdale Business Improvement District does not support the plan to place portable washrooms in the RBID and requests that efforts be made to use existing agencies with washroom facilities."

"The Riversdale Business Improvement District wants to be involved in the discussion of a construction of a supervised permanent washroom near the RBID."

The RBID Board of Management welcomes a review of any plans emerging from any upcoming meetings, to improve conditions for businesses to stay and operate in this District.

On behalf of the Riversdale Business Improvement District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Randy Pshebylo'.

Randy Pshebylo, BDM