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Submitted on Monday, May 27, 2024 - 14:34

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 27, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Sherry

Last Name: Tarasoff

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Peterson Cres

Ward: Ward 4

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Regular Business Meeting of City Council – May 29, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 10.4.1 Expansion of Access to Public Washrooms and Drinking Water

Comments:

Please find my questions and comments attached.

Thank you,

Sherry Tarasoff

Attachments:

- [2024-05-29 Regular Meeting re washrooms.pdf](#)151.6 KB

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

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10.4.1 Expansion of Access to Public Washrooms and Drinking Water

I have some questions and comments on this report.

1. What is the layout of the used 5'x8' trailer that the City is proposing to buy? I have trouble understanding how two toilets, two sinks and three urinals would fit in a footprint smaller than my car.
2. Why is a generator required for a trailer that a community partner has already indicated that they would like located on their property? Does the community partner not have power?
3. I am pleased to read that the City is not hiring the staff themselves, but contracting them. The new CSO positions that were approved in last year's budget deliberations just had their positions posted on the City website on Friday. With a start date for the public washrooms of June 1st, this kind of delay for staffing must be avoided.
4. Will there be communications in the neighbourhood, promoting the location of the washroom (directional signage and maps)?
5. What riverbank location, with an already available workspace, will be used for the pilot project?
6. What are the locations for the three additional outdoor water bottle filling stations and what is the timeline to have them available? There was a month between the expected installation date of the one last year by the Saskatoon Westside Community Clinic and the actual installation date, during which time there was an extreme heat emergency response issued. This is a delay that must be avoided.
7. The report has no NEXT STEPS section. Will there be reporting back following the 5-month period? Will there be more regular updates? Is a strategy for the winter being worked on?

This step towards a 24/7 staffed washroom is long overdue. This will be the first time that Saskatoon has done it and it is new territory. Monitoring and reporting on successes and failures are important. It may also help to learn from others, such as:

- https://scarp.ubc.ca/sites/default/files/2023-04/city_of_new_westminster_humane_access_to_public_washrooms_scarp_final_studio_report_2023.pdf
- <https://www.vch.ca/sites/default/files/import/documents/DTES-Washroom-Design-and-Use-Recommendations.pdf>
- <https://macsphere.mcmaster.ca/bitstream/11375/26149/1/McMaster%20Research%20Shop%20Report%20-%20Beasley%20Neighbourhood%20Association%202020.pdf>

Edmonton's Public Washroom Strategy

- April 24, 2019 <https://pub-edmonton.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=1260ce09-cea6-43ed-b4c9-b4b940da41d5&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Tab=attachments#66042>
- December 2, 2020 <https://pub-edmonton.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=9e7cbbfa-4ee0-4eef-9f39-fa4bacea5ce8&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=29&Tab=attachments>
- January 17, 2022 <https://pub-edmonton.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=402930bc-1be8-40a4-895c-692bea553a2d&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=23&Tab=attachments>