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From: City Council

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Leah Hientz - Provincial Approach to Homelessness - Timeframe for

Emergency Residential Shelter – 210 Pacific Avenue - CK 4350-20 x 750-6

Attachments: 210 Pacific Avenue - Emergency Residential Shelter.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

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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: Sunday, September 22, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Leah

Last Name: Hientz

Phone Number:



Email:



I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward: Address: 24th Street East

Ward: Ward 6

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Round Table Management Ltd.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 - CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 10.3.2 Provincial Approach to Homelessness - Timeframe for Emergency Residential Shelter – 210 Pacific Avenue

Comments:

Summary document attached

Attachments:

• 210 Pacific Avenue - Emergency Residential Shelter.pdf38.94 KB

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



September 22, 2024

His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I appreciate the city's commitment to addressing homelessness, particularly with the urgency of winter approaching. It is clear that providing shelter to vulnerable members of our community is a priority, and I fully understand the need for timely action. However, I would like to raise some concerns regarding the proposed placement of the emergency homeless shelter in our neighborhood, especially in light of the brief public consultation process and its potential long-term impact.

First, the consultation period with residents and business owners feels inadequate, leaving little time to fully understand the proposal or explore alternative solutions. A more extensive consultation period would allow for meaningful dialogue and collaboration between the city and local stakeholders, ensuring that all perspectives are considered before such an impactful decision is made.

In addition, while the shelter is being presented as a temporary solution for 18 months, I am concerned that it may remain in place beyond that period, particularly given the capital investment needed to refurbish the building. It seems possible that the shelter could become a more permanent fixture, especially given the increasing trends in homelessness. Clear plans and assurances about maintaining the temporary nature of the facility would be helpful to ease community concerns.

As a landlord with multiple properties in close proximity to the proposed shelter, I am also concerned about the safety and security of our tenants, visitors, and the surrounding neighborhood. The presence of the shelter may have an impact on both the perception and reality of safety, which could in turn affect the viability of local businesses. It is crucial that the city considers these factors and develops plans to mitigate any negative effects on the neighborhood's safety and economy.

I respectfully request that the council extend the consultation period and provide more opportunities for residents and business owners to engage in discussions. A transparent, collaborative approach will help balance the needs of our unhoused population with the concerns of local businesses and residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to participating in further dialogue on this important matter.

Sincerely, Leah Hientz, General Manager Round Table Management Ltd.