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**From:** City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Robert Pearce - Provincial Approach to Homelessness - Timeframe for Emergency Residential Shelter – 210 Pacific Avenue - CK 4350-20 x 750-6  
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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, September 23, 2024

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

**First Name:** Robert

**Last Name:** Pearce

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Thomas Cres

**Ward:** Ward 3

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Council Meeting Sept. 25th

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 10.3.2

**Comments:**

Concerns over zoning consideration of permanent shelters as special care homes.

**Attachments:**

- [Submission to Council Sept. 25 2024.docx](#)15.19 KB

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

Sept. 23, 2024

To The Mayor and City Council,

It is very alarming to see in the “Admin Report – Provincial Approach to Homeless” that you intend to allow permanent shelters as “Special Care Homes”. It is well known that Provincial laws, specifically the Faculty Designation Regulations, sections 12, 13 and 14; the Saskatchewan Regulation 34/66, and the Ministry of Health Program Guidelines for Special-Care Homes, and they determine exactly how a special care home is licensed, listed with the Province, and the staffing and services required to be a special care home. A shelter operation will never fulfill these requirements!

Sadly, we know the failed shelter in Fairhaven is on a property that has never been zoned for shelters, unlike the property downtown from which it moved. The current property however was designated for a number of functions including special care homes, and it was in this underhanded way the city evaded a zoning hearing that would have allowed the residents to speak to the planning of this shelter in our community!

This shelter is already considered a colossal failure, a disaster, etc., and many on this City Council have used these words to describe this operation that continues to devastate our communities! Thousands of lives in up to 6 surrounding communities have been significantly impacted, has cost thousands of dollars in out of pocket expenses to these residents for repair and replacement due to the damage, theft, vandalism and crime, and made many residents feel unsafe in their own homes!

Allowing this designation to pass tonight would intentionally put every single residential community in Saskatoon at potential risk because shelter operations in this city have little to no oversight, and there would be no requirement to inform a community a shelter is opening so they could provide their concerns and consultation.

As one who resides and works in Fairhaven, I never want another residential community to experience what we have experienced, and this city council must act to learn from the serious mistakes done in Fairhaven and ensure they are never repeated!

I implore you to be considerate of all the residential communities in our city and refuse to have this designation to be put in place for permanent shelters! We need to learn from our failures so we can do shelters better, and putting more residential communities at risk is not the way to do it!

Respectfully and Sincerely,

Robert Pearce