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Subject: 10.2 Submitting Comments - Sherry Tarasoff

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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: Monday, February 03, 2025

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):: SPC-Transportation - February 4, 2025

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 10 Request to Speak - Potential Deployment of SFD Support Workers on Buses

Comments:

At the budget deliberations in December (timestamp 5:21:15), the Fire Community Support program was discussed for 19 minutes. We learned:

- an update on the program would be provided at the one year mark (fall of 2025)
- the annual Transit report will include stats on negative incidents by type (first half of 2025)
- data is reviewed on an ongoing basis internally and meetings are held regularly
- data is used to target where the FCS resources are deployed (BIDs or Transit)
- over the last year, there has been an increase in social disorder type incidents on Transit across all different categories
- a decrease in assaults to operators largely due to barriers that were installed and increased presence by supervisors
- an increase in acts of aggression (intent to do harm but no physical harm is not done)
- passenger on passenger incidents have been increasing
- there were 42 interactions with the FCS staff on Transit to support drivers and passengers, as at the time of the budget meeting

What we did not learn:

- where did the 42 interactions take place
- what transit routes have been targeted by the FCS program
- has the presence of FCS officers increased safety by deterring negative incidents
- has the presence of FCS officers increased the perception of safety by riders
- what specific data or trend would trigger an early report to Council to adjust the program's effectiveness and resources

In closing, the former Community Support Program had comprehensive reporting done quarterly and reported publicly at the Street Activity Subcommittee meetings. Here is the final report that was presented at the March 2024 meeting (<https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=208727>). The detail and corresponding stories that were shared on a regular basis were critical to making decisions regarding resources and budgeting. The lack of public reporting on the Fire Community Support program is a missed opportunity, especially in this early stage, considering the history of reporting under the previous program.

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