

March 24, 2025

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DEIAC)

## **Letter of Support**

Re: Blake Tait – Denounce 1 Million March 4 Children [GPC2023-1103]

At our March 13th DEIAC meeting, following a discussion on this topic, we voted to support this motion. We believe the City of Saskatoon should declare itself a safe city for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community—especially at times like this with urgent need for support to address discrimination against this community. Therefore, we urge the Mayor and the City Councillors to vote in favour of this motion.

By passing this motion, we hope this is just the beginning of a larger effort to create ongoing inclusivity in our city for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community. We want our city's planning to meaningfully address wrap-around supports for housing, food security, education, harm reduction and more for this community. These initiatives must also be intersectional, ensuring perspectives of 2SLGBTQQIA+ people facing systemic barriers due to race, disability, socio-economic status and other factors are recognized.

Additionally, we encourage the City Council to seek our committee's expertise as this work moves forward. This would allow our committee to provide feedback on updates regarding how this commitment is being put into action for continuing to make Saskatoon a safe city for the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.

Sincerely,



**Tasnim Jaisee** 

Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee