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**Date:** Tuesday, April 08, 2025

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

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**Ward:** Ward 4

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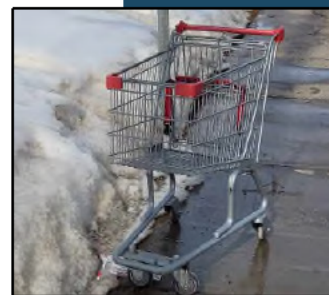
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**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** New item - Board to Request Accurate Data on Shopping Cart Theft

**Comments:**

Please find our submission attached, seeking the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners to request City Administration to complete a detailed report on the epidemic theft of shopping carts from grocery stores and other retailers over the past five-year period.

# Board to Request Accurate Data on Shopping Cart Theft



## Overview

This submission seeks the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners to request City Administration to complete a detailed report on the epidemic theft of shopping carts from grocery stores and other retailers over the past five-year period.

Date of Report	Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Report Authors	Cary Tarasoff, Sherry Tarasoff
Alignment with Strategic Goals	Economic Diversity and Prosperity Quality of Life
Advance City Council's Priorities	Economic Development Community Safety and Well-Being
Deliver Excellence in Core Services and Operational Priorities	Quality of Life and Public Safety

## Background

Saskatoon is constantly discussing 'food deserts' within our city yet the City has been blind to the fact that existing grocery retailers are under incredible financial and operational strain beyond shoplifting and store security.

We undertook and completed a direct canvass of west-side grocery stores to try to get a sense as to the scale of this issue. What we discovered was shocking. Our polling found that more than 2,000 shopping carts have permanently disappeared from these retailers over the last five years. This does not include further losses for other retailers such as Shoppers Drug Mart, Rona or Canadian Tire.

While the cart costs vary based on the information provided to us by the retailers, we estimated the loss over the last five-year period as more than \$600,000 for only the west-side grocery stores.

It will take some time to do a proper and validated City report. We sincerely believe that this is urgently warranted so that the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners, Saskatoon Police Service and City Administration can then develop reasonable processes to address this social issue and to stem this significant retailer loss.

## Motions Requested

That the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners request a report from City Administration on the number of permanently stolen shopping carts in Saskatoon over the last five years.