



May 26, 2025

Mayor Cynthia Block Office of the Mayor

Members of City Council c/o City Clerk's Office

City of Saskatoon 222 Third Avenue North Saskatoon SK S7K 0J5

Your Worship and Councillors:

Re: Letter of Support - Extension of CUMFI Public Washroom Pilot Project

I am writing you in support of extending the CUMFI public washroom pilot project for summer and fall of 2025. The project clearly demonstrated successes in its short operating time from August 27, 2024 to October 31, 2024, filling the much-needed gap of access to a washroom facility, particularly for our marginalized, vulnerable population in the Pleasant Hill and Riversdale neighborhoods.

In working with our partners in the community, we have come to know that during the 2024 operating timeline, the CUMFI washroom site had, at times, over three hundred visitors in a day. There were no incidents of vandalism or damage in this period, due to the site being staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by the Saskatoon Tribal Council Saweyhitotan Outreach and Peacekeepers. Outreach staff and Peacekeepers created a safe place for people to come and have a sense of belonging, while being treated with dignity and respect. Saweyhitotan also provided outreach and navigation supports making this site much more than a washroom.

The CUMFI public washroom project is urgently needed as a critical resource for the Pleasant Hill and Riversdale neighborhoods and the Saskatoon Police Service fully supports the extension of the initiative.

Yours truly,

Cameron McBride, M.O.M. Chief of Police /ds