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**Date:** Friday, June 06, 2025

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

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**First Name:** Rhonda

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**Address:** [REDACTED] Chubb Cove

**Ward:** Ward 7

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Paul Hemsing Speaking

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** City of Saskatoon's Response to Homelessness

**Comments:**

To Cynthia Block and Members of City Council,

I am writing this letter as a citizen of Saskatoon who has lived here for 44 years. In these 44 years, I have never seen the state of the city in such a mess. I've always prided myself on living in such a beautiful, vibrant city. This is no longer the case. The street person situation is completely out of control. (I am choosing to mimic Paul Hemsing's terminology of 'street people', because he is correct - the homeless have a right to housing. These street people are making a choice everyday)

Although the agenda of this meeting is specifically regarding the downtown core, I do have to mention that while the downtown core has become an atrocious, unsafe, eyesore of an area... it doesn't stop there. I live in Stonebridge and am shocked every day at the increasing number of street people walking about, wreaking havoc. Below I have listed personal experiences that I have encountered within the last 2 years. All thanks to the street people.

-Working on Ave B, my coworker was walking down Ave B when a street person jumped directly in front of her, screamed obscenities in her face and then spit in her eye. She was traumatized to say the least and had to seek medical attention. Disgusting.

-Working on Ave B, a street person walked into a neighbouring business and stabbed a worker in face. This could have very easily been me and my place of employment. Terrifying.

-Working on Ave B, my car has been broken into 3 times - one of which resulted in a smashed window and \$700 out of my pocket.

-Working on Ave B, I no longer enjoy having my door left open as all I hear now is screaming of obscenities

-Working on Ave B, my place of employment has been broken into 3 times - one of which resulted in the amazing police in our city catching the intruder, only to have the courts drop all charges. The police can only do so much, the justice system is enabling this horrific behaviour. No consequences.

-Working on Ave B, I have experienced on many occasions street people walking into my place of employment extremely intoxicated looking to fight/steal. This is a horrible feeling when you are working alone. The street people literally have free reign around the city to act as wild as they please. Again, there are no consequences.

-Working on Ave B, my place of employment has had the windows smashed out twice.

-Working on Ave B, I no longer feel safe walking to and from my car each day

-Working on Ave B, I have come to work on several occasions to find street people passed out in my parking spot. I then have to find alternate parking as I do not feel safe engaging with them (they've proven to be wildly unpredictable)

-Working on Ave B, I watch my employers become increasingly frustrated watching the area their business is located in, become a filthy eyesore. They've put their heart and soul into their business and to watch it be trashed/destroyed by street people is a level of anger, hurt & frustration that is difficult to put into words.

-Living in Stonebridge, I've watched the community I love deteriorate rapidly with the influx of street people

-Living in Stonebridge, my [REDACTED] daughter was accosted in the Dollarstore by a street person. Blew in her ear and swore at her. This would be terribly frightening for an adult, let alone a child. She was and is extremely traumatized by this and is fearful wherever she goes. Again our amazing police responded immediately, found him and detained him. Literally the next day he was back in Stonebridge wreaking the same havoc in Walmart (A Stonebridge Street person known to many). The justice system put him right back on the streets. Disgusting.

-Living in Stonebridge, I've had my car broken into too many times to count

-Living in Stonebridge, I no longer feel safe letting my daughter walk around our neighbourhood

-Living in Stonebridge, I now live mere blocks away from an encampment. Disgusting.

In my opinion, the solution is NOT housing. As mentioned above these people are making a choice. The money for 'housing' should be redirected to mandatory lockdown/dry out facilities (or similar) to get these people off of our streets and restore order.

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