

NOTICE OF MOTION

November 24, 2021

City Clerk
City Hall
Regina, Saskatchewan

Please be advised that I will submit the following NOTICE of MOTION at the November 24, 2021 meeting of City Council:

Re: Action on Homelessness, Poverty, and Community Wellbeing

WHEREAS Camp Hope has demonstrated the state of poverty, inequality, addictions, homelessness, and housing insecurity in Regina;

WHEREAS the number of overdoses and deaths caused by opioids in Regina are increasing significantly;

WHEREAS the Official Community Plan recognizes that “Health and safety are key elements in ensuring that Regina remains a city of choice in which to live, work, and raise a family”;

WHEREAS the City of Regina has worked with community organizations and the province to draft a Plan to End Homelessness;

WHEREAS changes to various income support programs and inadequate income support rates are contributing to poverty, housing insecurity and homelessness in Regina and across Saskatchewan;

WHEREAS the City of Regina is working to draft a Community Wellness and Public Safety Strategy;

WHEREAS all levels of government must collaborate to address the needs of residents and the plight of the most marginalized in our community; and

WHEREAS community organizations shoulder a disproportionate responsibility in dealing with poverty, inequality and housing insecurity in Regina;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council call on the Province of Saskatchewan to:

1. Review all income support programs, income support delivery models, and income support rates with the aim of eliminating poverty in Saskatchewan;

2. Consider the implications of implementing a basic income program;
3. Fund in full Regina's Plan to End Homelessness;
4. Increase funding for para-transit and conventional transit services that provide assistance to lower income residents;
5. Work with the City and community organizations to develop culturally appropriate housing options, addiction supports, and other anti-poverty initiatives;
6. Collaborate with the City to advance and finance the Community Wellbeing and Public Safety Strategy;
7. Provide full funding for the RTSIS and City of Regina-managed housing and anti-poverty facility and programs that emerged from Camp Hope until such time as those services are no longer required in Regina.

Respectfully submitted,



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