

March 27, 2021

City Clerk

City Hall

Regina, Saskatchewan

Dear Sir:

Councillor Bresciani and Councillor Shaw presented a Notice of Motion on March 10, 2021 to the City of Regina Council, Regarding Increased Recreation and Leisure Activities for People with Disabilities. As a mother of a young man with a disability and Retired Executive Director of the Early Childhood Intervention Program, Regina Region, I fully support the motion that was brought forward.

To Conduct and Consult the General Public, people with disabilities, care provider of children with disabilities, recreation and leisure sector (community associations, non-profit and private organizations) of the City of Regina is LONG over due.

The motion was well written and is all encompassing as written in the six steps that were brought forward. This would be a major accomplishment for the City of Regina to conduct this Consultation and follow through with the results of the findings, to increase access to programs.

In my past position as Executive Director of ECIP, RR I often had parents coming to me asking for Inclusive Recreational Activities for their children. Parents were often left in a position of advocating for their children to belong and participate in the Recreational Activities that were in the City of Regina. Parents of children with disabilities need to be Encouraged and Welcomed into what is available.

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to speak to this Motion. As stated earlier this consultation is long over due. It would be a great accomplishment to state that the City of Regina is the greatest City to live in for individuals with a disability. I look forward in taking part in this Consultation.

Sincerely yours,

Debra MacDonald  
Parent