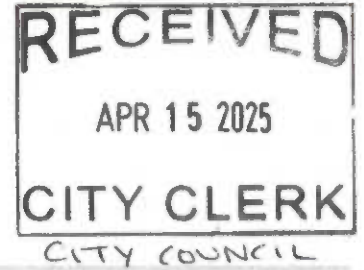


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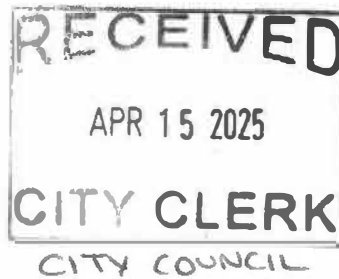
Good evening,

Apologies for the delay in sending this letter. I only just received it when I checked my mail after work. Please see attached.

Thanks,
Darrell

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Dear Esteemed Members of the City Council,

My name is Darrell Yates and I reside within 150 meters of the proposed Temporary Shelter on Exhibition Drive. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my concerns about the proposed development.

I'm grateful to the City of Prince Albert for recognizing the need of a shelter, though saddened at the volume and condition of the people who find themselves in need of it. My concerns are few:

- 1) There have been thefts in the local area. I have been proactive in installing expensive security measures on my own property. What is the City doing to increase security of the immediately surrounding residents and businesses? There should be additional policing within "Area #4".
- 2) The shelter should exist for all people who need it. Though this point is ancillary to the permit application discussion, nobody who needs access to the shelter should suffer the indignity of a "lifetime ban" from the shelter because of their circumstance. Many suffer from mental illness. I am surprised that forgiveness, compassion, empathy, patience, and tolerance is becoming increasingly removed from the Young Women's *Christian* Association (YWCA). The YWCA is well funded. What security and psychological safety measures are they taking responsibility for in the administration of the shelter? Additionally, to what degree is the YWCA accountable to the City for ensuring their own staff have been properly trained to deal with the shelter's residents? The City should be more hands-on with the YWCA in this regard. Shelter residents are my neighbours and it's a behavior I expect of my Council. Perhaps the shelter should be constructed so it is large enough to divide into low-risk and high-risk zones.
- 3) The wording of the letter I received, dated April 7th, indicates that City Council can vary the end date or duration of the permit. I do not know whether it is the responsibility of the City or the YWCA to get the ball rolling on whatever construction needs the shelter currently has, but the language of the letter suggests the possibility of the temporary permit being a "permanently temporary" permit. It gives the impression that timely completion is unimportant. The need is urgent. The construction of the permanent shelter should be prioritized.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Darrell Yates