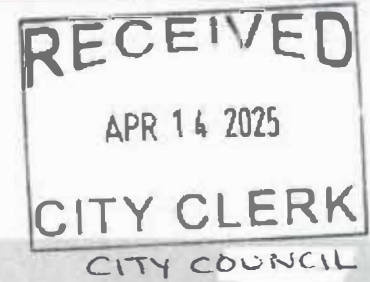


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To whom it may concern,

Good day, we have received notice indicating the application for the Dave Stuart Arena to be rezoned and used as a temporary housing and support of those are who are vulnerable homeless or are in need of emergency short-term accommodation. We are submitting this letter as a letter of concern of this temporary application as a residential owner within 150 meters of the proposed development.

Currently in this current area are a post secondary educational building, Saskatchewan Polytechnic. Concerns with this application is putting a shelter within proximity of Sask. Polytechnic is going to deter potential growing educations due to issues that come along with shelters. These issues are significant high drug use, drug paraphernalia, garbage, theft, break and enters and unprovoked violence. Having the proposed shelter in this area is only growing a target for a full parking lot of vehicles for theft, vandalism and undesirable people hassling. Prince Albert is a growing community with a recent expansion of University of Saskatchewan and wanting to bring people to the city for education and careers. This location poses a negative on this said topic as people will be deterred from interest due to above noted reasons.

Another area of concern is people seeking this shelter are away from the help and supports that directly benefit them in their journeys. Majority of these people are on probation or court ordered conditions. This proposed location is a ways from Probation setting up these individuals for failure already. These individuals are also in need of supports such as addiction services, again not close to the area. Having this location and lack of close resources causes issues with increased foot traffic in the area.

Another concern for this is the area proposed has a significant high rate of low income houses. People in these low income residence are working on providing for their families that already are struggling with meeting the basic demands of life. They/we do not need increased potential of expenses due to theft, unprovoked damages and other issues of this area.

Lastly, safety. Majority of people seeking this temporary shelter are heavily addicted to substances. People addicted to substances often struggle with mental health. Prince Albert already has a high number of violence in this city, adding this shelter in relatively safe area is now putting another area at risk to violence, especially children in the area.

I am writing this as I have major concerns with placement of this shelter when it comes to aspects of growing our community, community supports for these individuals along with community support. I am hoping you value all areas of my concerns and take into consideration. We are highly opposed. No body is wanting a temporary shelter or any shelter in their area however best placement is in one of which can better manage. One of which closer to probation, mental health services, addiction services and police response. Look at the neighborhood Fairhaven in Saskatoon a prime example of why this won't make Prince Albert's attempt successful. Property value is going to spiral down hill, while the city continues to make profits off us tax-paying residents. Will there be a property tax break? Will there be ways to address the increased security concerns? Will there be incentive to have increased home security? The answer will most likely be no to all.

Thank you for your time.

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