

## March 16, 2026, City Council Inquiry Responses

Councillor	Inquiry #	Inquiry	Dep't Sent to	Date Responded	Response
Councillor Brown	13.1	What can be done about the condition around the warm-up shelter at the Union Centre, with regards to littering, sidewalk fires and defecating on sidewalks.	Community Development	3/19/2026	<p>The Manager of Community Safety and Well-being provided the following response:</p> <p>We met with the Prince Albert Metis Women's Association (Outreach team) and Bylaw last week and spoke to the Salvation Army. The steps we agreed are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvation Army routinely pick up garbage directly around the Union Centre and ask individuals not to stay in the area.</li> <li>• PAMWA agreed they could help to pick up garbage and transport people away from the area to other services that open at 8am.</li> <li>• Bylaw are proactively checking the area in the morning to move people along.</li> </ul> <p>The warming centre closes on April 2 and there is a partnership communication plan being developed.</p>

Councillor Edwards	13.2	Why did the City make the decision to install the medians on the new construction of Marquis Road East. Why are the medians the size they are and what was the cost of the medians in this project.	Public Works	3/30/2026	<p>The Director of Public Works provided the following response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medians are typical for new construction multi-lane arterial roadways throughout Canada. They are used to physically separate traffic through high volume corridors, providing an extra layer of physical protection. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Additional note: SGI Collisions statistics show multiple head on collisions on this road segment in addition to other accident types that will be reduced through physically separating traffic</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Typically, medians are built 5 meters wide. This allows for width for left turn lanes. In the case of Marquis Road East, there are no left turns between Central Ave and 4th Ave East, which permitted a design that significantly narrowed the width while still serving the required traffic safety function for this section of road. The medians at Central Ave and 4th Ave are widened to 5 meters to permit the extra left turn lanes for safe queueing at the intersection.</li> <li>3. The total concrete cost for the center median is approximately \$576,000 (PST Included), however, this includes the center curb and gutter, as well as the concrete infill on the median and the gravel base. These costs are broken down below. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Curb and gutter - \$298,000</li> <li>b. Median Infill - \$218,000</li> <li>c. Granular Base below median - \$60,000</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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Councillor Edwards	13.3	There was a story on paNow regarding safety concerns at the library that relates to the warm-up shelter at the Library and staff safety. Is the City reviewing this concern and should we look at eliminating this site as a warm-up shelter.	Community Development	3/19/2026	<p>The Manager of Community Safety and Well-being provided the following response:</p> <p>Riverbank Development coordinate the resource map (attached), which includes the Public Library as a warming location. This is the third winter that the library has been listed. Riverbank Development reaches out to partners every year to confirm that they want to be included on the roadmap.</p> <p>The Community Safety and Well-Being Division will reach out to the library to discuss any public concerns which may have been received and establish a reasonable path forward.</p>

Written by: City Manager