

Dear committee Members,

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on your concerns regarding accessibility issues faced by people with disabilities. Clearly, future planning and development regarding housing, transportation, accessibility and inclusivity must consider the special needs of Regina's disabled community. I know that Regina city council has adopted a positive and forward thinking vision to make life in Regina the best possible for all its residents. However, I also know that more can be done. During my door knocking campaign, I have had many discussions with seniors and regarding the poor snow removal in their communities as a serious impediment to their full participation in activities during the winter months. This fear of falling promotes social isolation and depression during the long winter months. Others with disabilities have complimented the paratransit services but find that no service is available when they need rides on short notice. this often leaves them stranded because the special taxis required for motorized or wheelchairs are often in use transporting students to and from school.

_2. I believe that people with disabilities are often doubly disadvantaged regarding spiraling costs for rental accommodation since they often experience additional demands on their resources and limited ability to generate sustainable income. The city must address the affordable housing crisis as it relates to all peoples but must particularly as it impact seniors and people with disabilities. Their should be some provision for rent stabilization when people have special needs. _

_ 3. I support all three recommendations as a first step toward education the public and decision making regarding the best way to address the needs of the disabled. if elected, I will form an advisory committee including representation from the disabled community. We need to hear how our decisions and plans impact the disabled. We need your input on planning and development of our city to become a truly accessible place for everyone's full participation. We can learn much from you to identify impediments to achieving a full life in Regina and ways to remove those impediments.

Thank you.
Sam Khan_