



## REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Executive Committee

**FROM:** Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

**DATE:** December 1, 2017

**RE:** **RRDSSAB Emergency Shelter Request Letter from Jamie Petrin, Community Homeless Liaison**

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At the regular meeting of Council on Monday November 27th, 2017, the attached letter from Jamie Petrin, Community Homeless Liaison was referred to the Community Services Executive Committee for consideration.

The specifics of the request are as follows:

In the human services, we know that change is most impactful when community members from all walks of life come together. In order to achieve a positive outcome for those experiencing homelessness, **we are asking you to assist us by providing space at either the East End Hall or the Banquet Room on the second floor of the Memorial Sports Centre to be used at night as temporarily overnight emergency shelter until April 2018. Contingent on approval, we are requesting consistently the same night(s) every week.**

We are also asking churches in our community to assist in this effort by opening up space in their basements and having volunteers provide refreshments and set up this temporary overnight shelter.

As follow up to the request the Community Services Division reached out to RRDSSAB to see if there were other municipalities who could be contacted who have implemented similar requests, attached is an email response in this regard.

### **Recommendation**

Determine the viability of offering the East End Hall or MSC Auditorium to be used as a night-time emergency sleep shelter.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kabel".

Jason Kabel