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## MLA for Saskatoon Meewasin

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Honourable Gene Makowsky  
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Dear Minister Makowsky,

August 20, 2024

I write today to draw your attention to issues affecting the Sask Housing Authority building, King Edward Place, at 530 25th Street East, Saskatoon, located in my constituency of Saskatoon Meewasin. You will remember that my office, as well as the Official Opposition Critics for Social Services and Seniors have previously written to the Ministry calling on the government to reclassify King Edward for individuals 55 and up, or living with disabilities, along with other buildings that lost this classification. I write today to reiterate this call on behalf of residents in my constituency. Since the government look away this status, the living conditions at King Edward continue to deteriorate for its residents. They have reached out to my office with the following concerns:

Residents with complex needs have been moved in since the declassification without the necessary supports to facilitate harmonious cohabitation with seniors. There are issues with non-residents being let into the building, creating potentially unsafe environments for permanent residents. Drugs and alcohol consumption by residents with complex needs has been occurring in the open. It has created an unwelcoming and potentially unsafe environment for the 55 plus residents and residents with disabilities. There have some residents with complex needs that have accosted other long time residents; yelling and screaming are common situations in the halls. Because of this, many residents continue to report that they are afraid to leave their suites during the night.

On top of these concerns, cleanliness of the facility has also become a grave concern. You will remember that on December 24th, 2023, I emailed the Ministry of Social Services about the cleanliness situation of the main level washer-dryer room. At the time, the floor was covered in dirt, and feces were smeared on the floor and washer dryer units. While this incident was cleaned, cleanliness in all aspects of the building continues to be a concern of residents.

Hallways, common spaces, and suites that become vacant are in desperate need of cleaning and updating. In some cases, suites are left vacant with the previous owners belongings and weeks have gone by before the suites are properly vacated and cleaned. Concerns have been raised in regards to the efficacy of the on site custodian. A lack of general cleanliness is only made worse by the building's cockroach and bed bugs infestations. Suites are in constant state of pest control due to the cleanliness issues facing the building. Ms. Conway has highlighted the drastic cuts to maintenance under your government. These cuts have meant that local housing authority personnel and front line staff are often under-resourced and set up to fail.

The situation is dire at King Edward Place, and so I kindly ask the following: that the Minister join me on a tour of King Edward before the 2024 Provincial Election and meet with residents so they can express their concerns first hand; that the Ministry of Social Services re-classify King Edward for residents 55 years of age or older, or living with disabilities; that the Ministry takes every effort to clean the facility, and provide updates where applicable; that the Ministry takes every effort to rid the building of the cockroach and bedbug infestation - no one should have to live with cockroaches and bedbugs as constants in their lives.

Thank you for your expedient attention to the situation at King Edward Place.

Best,

  
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