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Swystun Attends YWCA AGM – Calls for Leadership on a Home First Strategy

On Wednesday evening, Lenore Swystun attended the YWCA's annual general meeting.

Swystun was appalled to hear that this year more than double number of women and children as last year needed to be turned away from the YWCA Crisis Shelter due to the shelter's capacity.

"I am disturbed to hear that 3300 women, nearly 10 a night, were turned away from the YWCA Crisis Shelter this year", said Swystun, "this is unacceptable in a city as wealthy as Saskatoon."

Swystun would like to support Executive Director Barb MacPherson's call for a Home First strategy for Saskatoon.

"The City of Saskatoon needs to take leadership in creating a Home First strategy for our city", said Swystun, "As mayor I would show leadership and call on all levels of government and our various community organizations to collaborate on a plan to end homelessness in Saskatoon".

The YWCA operates Saskatoon's largest crisis shelter. At the Shelter, women have access to a range of other YWCA services including the employment and learning centre, childcare, and fitness facilities and programs. They are also able to access resources at the Community Service Village.

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