The City of SPRUCE GROVE

INFORMATION REQUEST

INFORMATION REQUEST #: IR-015-26

REQUESTED BY: **Councillor Stevenson**

TOPIC: **Log Cabin Washroom Renovations**

DATE OF REQUEST: **November 2, 2026**

DATE OF RESPONSE: November 3, 2026

QUESTION: Were two universal washrooms considered instead of one male and one female washroom for the log cabin?

Response
This project was intended to renovate the existing gendered washrooms to meet current accessibility code and occupancy requirements and allow exterior access from the east side of the facility ensuring the project delivers maximum value with minimum financial impact.

Background
The current gendered washrooms each have two outlets for use simultaneously with one accessible designated outlet in each washroom. The current configuration allows 4 people to utilize the outlets at a given time.

Maintaining gendered washrooms allows for a minimal renovation while meeting the need to access the washrooms from the external of the building and meeting current accessibility code requirements within the identified budget.

A different style (universal for example) of washroom was not considered to keep the budget impact at a minimal level while also maintaining the occupancy requirements.

Creating universal washrooms would require extensive renovations and additional budget. Additionally, Fire and building code requirements, along with potential operational

impacts, would require further investigation into the feasibility of concept. Should this be considered by Committee Administration would have to perform additional exploration and budget estimates. If Committee desires further investigation of different options, Administration can start the process and bring options back to Council during Spring Budget Adjustment for Council's consideration. Note that this might require Administration to continue using portable washrooms for another season.

Financial Implications / Taxation Impact

Currently proposed $75,000 budget. New budget for different options can be brought forward at SBA for Council's consideration.

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