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Subject Regulatory Approaches to Enhance Waste Diversion in the Industrial, Commercial and Institution Sector

Meeting (if known) Monday January 27, City Council Meeting

Comments

Please accept the attached letter as my request to speak at the January 27th City Council Meeting.

Attachments

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The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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January 21, 2020

To: City Clerk
Members of City Council

RE: Regulatory Approaches to Enhance Waste Diversion in the Industrial, Commercial and Institution Sector

Please accept this as a request to speak at the January 27, 2020 City Council meeting. This letter is regarding Regulatory Approaches to Enhance Waste Diversion in the Industrial, Commercial and Institution Sector. On behalf of our members, the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce is providing these comments on this report for the Committee's consideration. We appreciate the efforts taken by the City's Administration to engage the business community to gather their comments. While the preference of the business community is to not have a mandatory program, an exemption for businesses and organizations without organics is a reasonable approach.

We are respectfully requesting that City Council consider the following when implementing the program:

- Keep the implementation costs for the City to a minimum to ensure efficiency while maintaining effectiveness
- Provide clear guidelines to the affected businesses
- Provide clear and concise education material that businesses can easily pass along to their employees
- Consider the implications of the space it will take for businesses to collect and remove organics – many businesses indicated they aren't sure where they will put an organics bin
- Consider the costs to businesses and keep these costs to a minimum

On a final note, we applaud City Council for having a waste diversion target of 70% and appreciate the clear and transparent process that has been used on this file. A further measure of transparency would be to monitor the private companies contracted to haul the organics to ensure they are disposing the material at the appropriate location and not in the landfill.

The Chamber would be available to assist the City's Administration in working with the affected businesses to ensure a smooth implementation process, once approved.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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