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Date Saturday, January 11, 2020
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
First Name Leah
Last Name Zepick
Email [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City Saskatoon
Province Saskatchewan
Postal Code [REDACTED]
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)
Subject Treaty Territory in Mailing Address
Meeting (if known)

Comments
I have an idea for our mailing addresses. Please see attached file. I am not requesting to speak to city council but am willing if you'd like me to.

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The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/356445>

Dear Mayor Charlie Clark,

I have a simple, insightful idea to share with you in support of our Truth and Reconciliation efforts in Canada.

I propose our mailing addresses include our Treaty Territory.

In addition to one's Canadian home address including street, city, province and postal code, we must include our identity of Treaty territory.

A home address reflects identity. My hope is that when acknowledging one's personal address including Treaty agreement, an individual will reflect upon home, place, and community to help "...*understand our diverse histories and experiences*" ("Reconciliation Canada," n.d.) of one's identity.

Imagine Canadians receiving mail with their treaty territory added to their regular mailing address. One might notice the addition, and that would be the first spark. Another community member may acknowledge the addition, be interested, perhaps research treaties further or engage in dialogue with the community. "*Reconciliation begins with oneself and then extends into our families, relationships, workplaces and eventually into our communities.*" ("Reconciliation Canada," n.d.) I believe the addition of Treaty Territories to mailing addresses is an important initiative that will "...*inspire positive change in communities throughout Canada.*" ("Reconciliation Canada," n.d.)

By including Treaty Territories in our Canadian mailing addresses, my intention would be that individuals identifying as FNIM will feel their heritage and communities are recognised and valued. I believe this constructive act of written recognition will ripple into appreciation and understanding of Treaty agreements in all populations. Written words are powerful. We respect the written agreements that are our Canadian Treaties, and with the addition of Treaty territory to one's address we are acknowledging We Are All Treaty People.

I would like to formally request the addition of Treaty Territories to our Canadian mailing address. You are invited and encouraged to incorporate this suggestion immediately. Please let me know your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Leah Zepick

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