

November 26, 2020

City Hall  
222 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North  
Saskatoon, SK  
S7K 0J5

**RE: Initiatives to Kick-Start Saskatoon's Economic Recovery**

---

Dear City Council,

On behalf of the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, congratulations to each of you as Saskatoon's newly elected Mayor and City Council.

Now, more than ever, we need strong leadership to guide our community through this challenging time and chart a course for Saskatoon's economic future.

Our businesses are the engines of our local economy, creating jobs and opportunities for working people and their families across the city. Working together, we can create a climate where these businesses recover and thrive again, driving economic growth for our community and region.

As you develop an agenda for Council actions and decisions in the months ahead, we will be advancing initiatives that will kick-start Saskatoon's economic recovery and help Saskatoon build real and lasting momentum, including:

1. Taxation
  - a. Extend the deferral of commercial property tax and utilities until March 2021 with an extended interest free payback period of 2 to 3 years.
  - b. Reassess commercial property taxes for 2021 taking into consideration the economic impacts of COVID-19 and financial realities facing our businesses.
2. Downtown Safety

Build on the early successes of the pilot project signed between the Province and the Saskatoon Tribal Council to enhance downtown safety.
3. Air Passenger Testing

Explore the potential of including Saskatoon and Saskatchewan in the passenger testing initiative underway at Calgary International Airport, enabling international passengers to connect through our airports and boost our economic recovery.
4. New Entertainment District

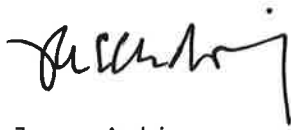
Commit to a location and a timeline to kick-start the project and attract investment, create good jobs and support our businesses at a critical time.

5. Best Value, Local Procurement

Review the supply chains of City Hall and its affiliated facilities to promote and practice best value, local procurement.

Know that we stand ready to work with you, and other partners, to address today's challenges and ignite a new era of economic renewal and prosperity for our community. As Saskatoon's voice for business, we are a powerful network of businesses, organizations and community-minded leaders who want the best for their city.

Sincerely,



Jason Aebig  
CEO